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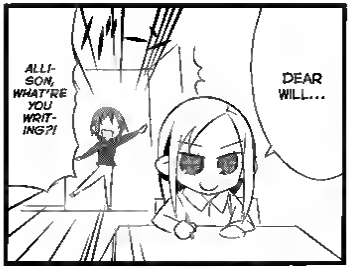

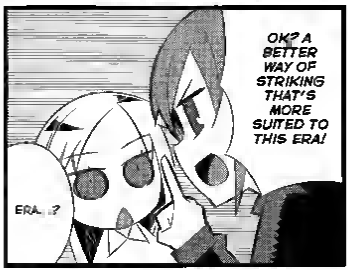

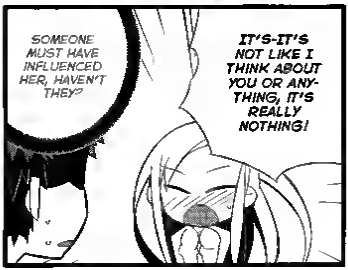

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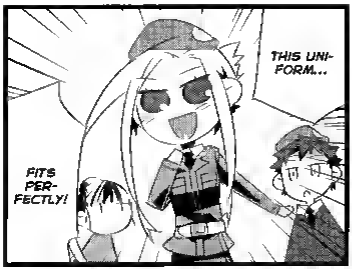
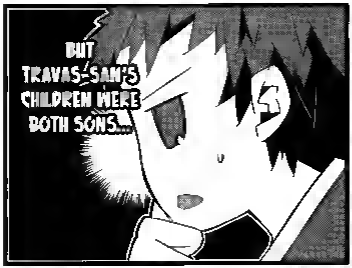
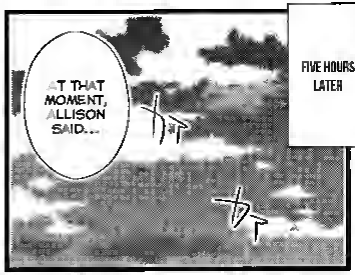

THIS UNIFORM...
FITS PERFECTLY!

COME TO THINK OF IT, WE'VE DONE PLENTY OF RECKLESS THINGS IN THE PAST
REALLY?

FITS ALLISON
->
FEMALE UNIFORM?

WHEN WE WERE TOLD NOT TO CLIMB, WE WOULD CLIMB THE TREES WE WERE TOLD NOT TO.
WHEN WE WERE TOLD NOT TO GO OUTSIDE, WE WOULD GO OUT AND END UP BURIED IN THE SNOW...


BUT TRAVAS-SAN'S CHILDREN WERE BOTH SONS...


FIVE HOURS LATER
...T THAT MOMENT, ALLISON SAID...

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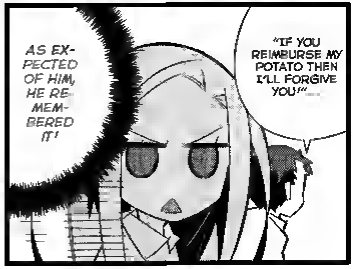
I APPRECIATE IT


AS EXPECTED OF HIM, HE REMEMBERED IT!
"IF YOU REIMBURSE MY POTATO THEN I'LL FORGIVE YOU!"

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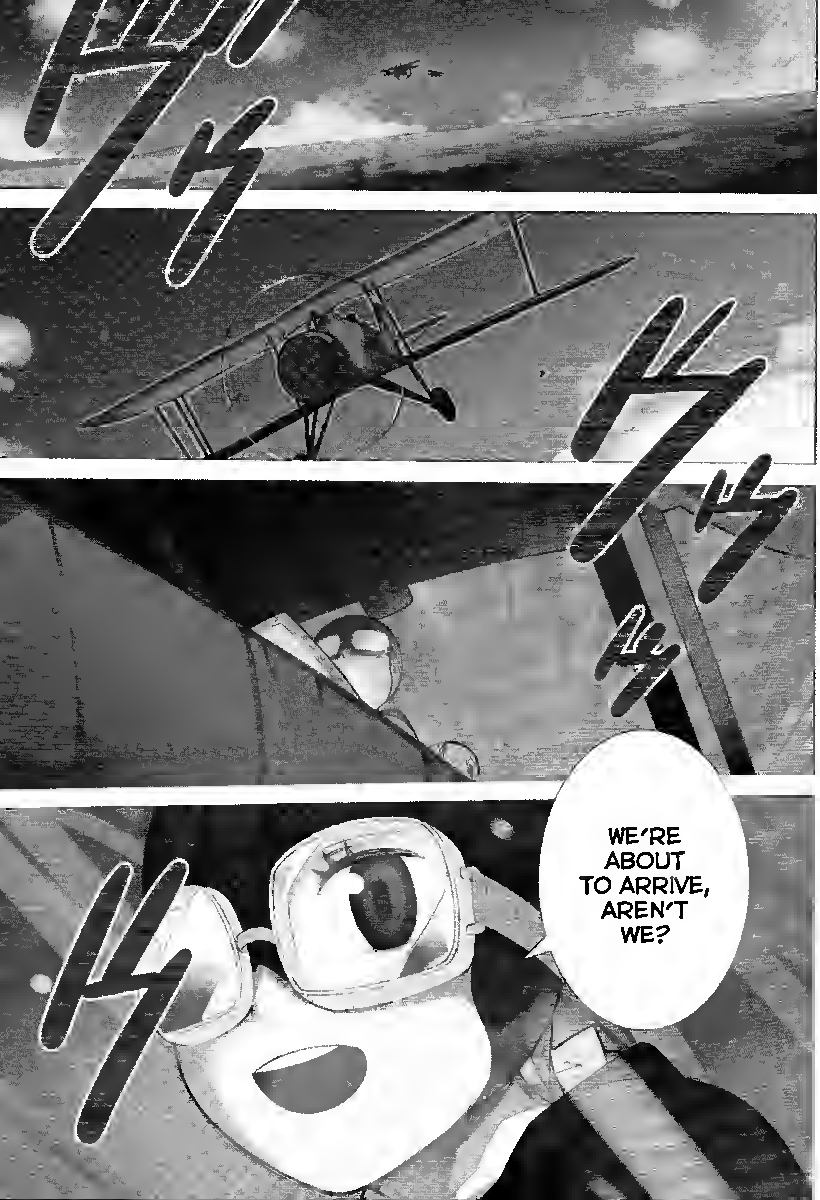
MIDDAY
FROM NOW ON, I'LL BE KILLING THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE,
IN INCONCEIVABLY BRUTAL WAYS
WHY ...
DESPITE THAT...
WHY DID I HAVE TO BE SHOWN SOMETHING SO BEAUTIFUL?
I DON'T UNDERSTAND
I DON'T UNDERSTAND
I DON'T UNDERSTAND
THERE'S BOUND TO BE A DAY WHEN I'LL UNDERSTAND RIGHT?
WHY NOW?
WHY ME?

I DON'T UNDERSTAND.


WE'RE ABOUT TO ARRIVE, AREN'T WE?

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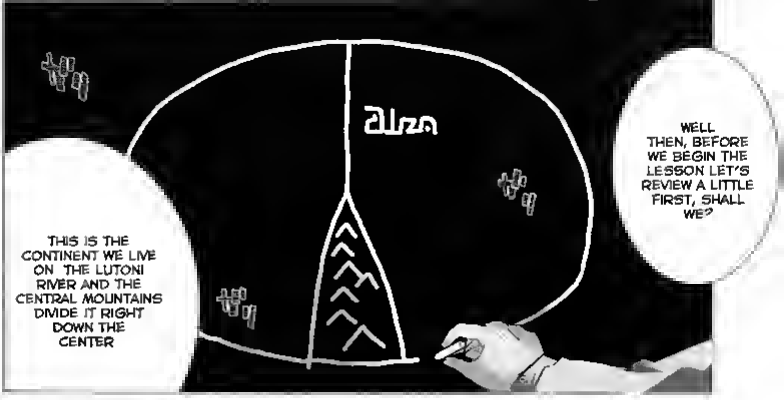
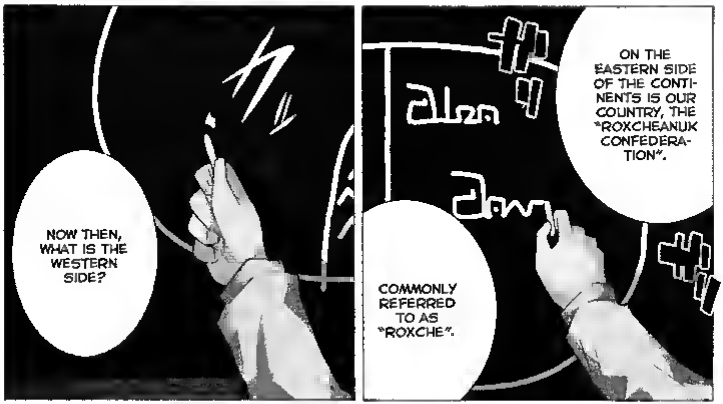

WELL THEN, BEFORE WE BEGIN THE LESSON LET'S REVIEW A LITTLE FIRST, SHALL WE?
THIS IS THE CONTINENT WE LIVE ON. THE LUTONI RIVER AND THE CENTRAL MOUNTAINS DIVIDE IT RIGHT DOWN THE CENTER

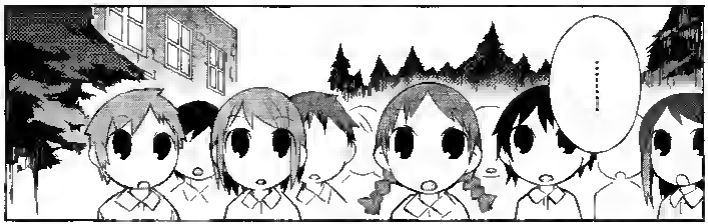

ON THE EASTERN SIDE OF THE CONTINENTS IS OUR COUNTRY, THE "ROXCHEANUK CONFEDERATION".
NOW THEN, WHAT IS THE WESTERN SIDE?
COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS "ROXCHE".

THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO CALL IT AS SUCH.
SO WHAT IS ITS REAL NAME AND ABBREVIATION?
DOES ANYONE KNOW?
Yessir
THE "EVIL EMPIRE"!

ROWE SNEUM MEMORIAL UPPER SCHOOL
YEAR 3287 OF THE WORLD CALENDAR
ROXCHEANUK CONFEDERATION
RAPUTOA REPUBLIC.
YESSIR

BY THE WAY, IF YOU PUT DOWN "EVIL SOMETHING OR ANOTHER" IN YOUR ANSWERS, I'LL MARK IT WRONG
CORRECT!
SOU BEIL
ROXCHE
"ALLIED KINGDOMS OF BEZEL-ILTOA".
AND UM... I THINK IT'S "SOU BEIL".
WHAT IS IT?
THERE ARE NO OTHER OFFICIAL NAMES, BUT EVERYONE NORMALLY CALLS IT SOMETHING ELSE.

"OPPOSITE THE RIVER!"
RIGHT, IT'S ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE LUTONI RIVER, HENCE OPPOSITE THE RIVER
THEN,
DO YOU KNOW WHAT THE PEOPLE OPPOSITE THE RIVER NORMALLY CALL US ROXCHIANS?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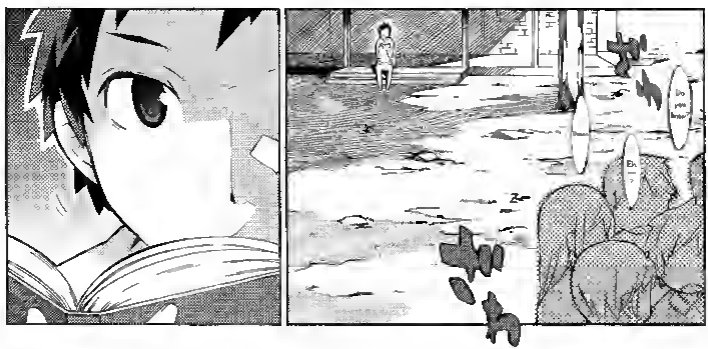
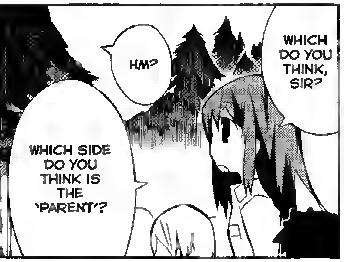


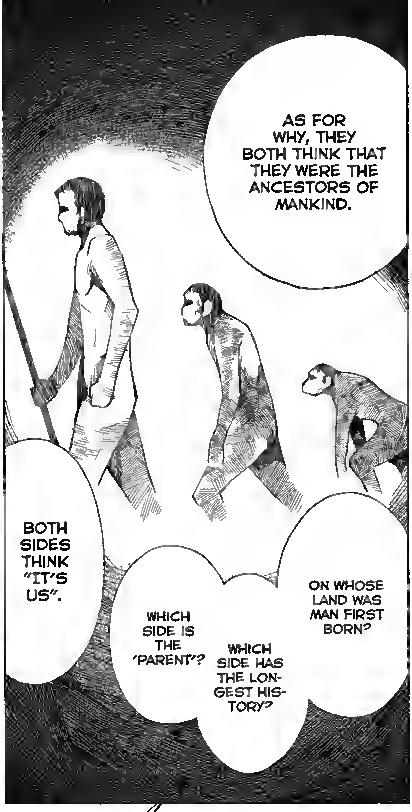
"OPPOSITE THE RIVER"
WILL!
WATCHA DOIN' IN A PLACE LIKE THIS?

DON'T YOU HAVE SUPPLE-MENTARY CLASSES?
AS IF I'M THE TYPE TO GO TO THEM.

WATCHA READIN'? WHAT'S THIS WRIT-TEN IN? BEZE-LESE?
"THE COM-PLETE WORKS OF FAIRY-TALES"
RIGHT
FAIRY TALES FROM THE WEST WE HAVE MORE OR LESS THE SAME ONES OVER HERE, BUT I FIND IT INTERESTING HOW THE ENDINGS ARE COMPLETELY DIFFERENT

THE HISTORY BETWEEN ROXCHE AND SOU BEIL IS ONE OF WAR.
THE GREATEST OF THOSE HAPPENED 35 YEARS AGO.
THE "GREAT BATTLE" THAT BROKE OUT IN YEAR 3252 OF THE WORLD CALENDAR.
THE TWO COUNTRIES HAVE BEEN IN COUNTLESS CONFLICTS SINCE THE DAWN OF TIME.
AFTER THE GREAT BATTLE, AN ARMISTICE WAS SIGNED.
HOWEVER, AN ARMISTICE DOES NOT MEAN THE CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES.
THE WAR BETWEEN ROXCHE AND SOU BEIL IS NOT OVER.
WHY DO THEY NOT LIKE EACH OTHER?
IT'D BE NICE IF THEY GOT ALONG LIKE CLASSMATES.
GOOD QUESTION, THAT REQUIRES EVERYONE TO DO THE SAME
BUT ROXCHE AND OPPOSITE THE RIVER DEFINITELY CANNOT GET ALONG.


WHICH DO YOU THINK, SIR?
HM?
WHICH SIDE DO YOU THINK IS THE 'PARENT'?


AS FOR WHY, THEY BOTH THINK THAT THEY WERE THE ANCESTORS OF MANKIND.
ON WHOSE LAND WAS MAN FIRST BORN?
WHICH SIDE HAS THE LONGEST HISTORY?
WHICH SIDE IS THE 'PARENT'?
BOTH SIDES THINK "IT'S US".

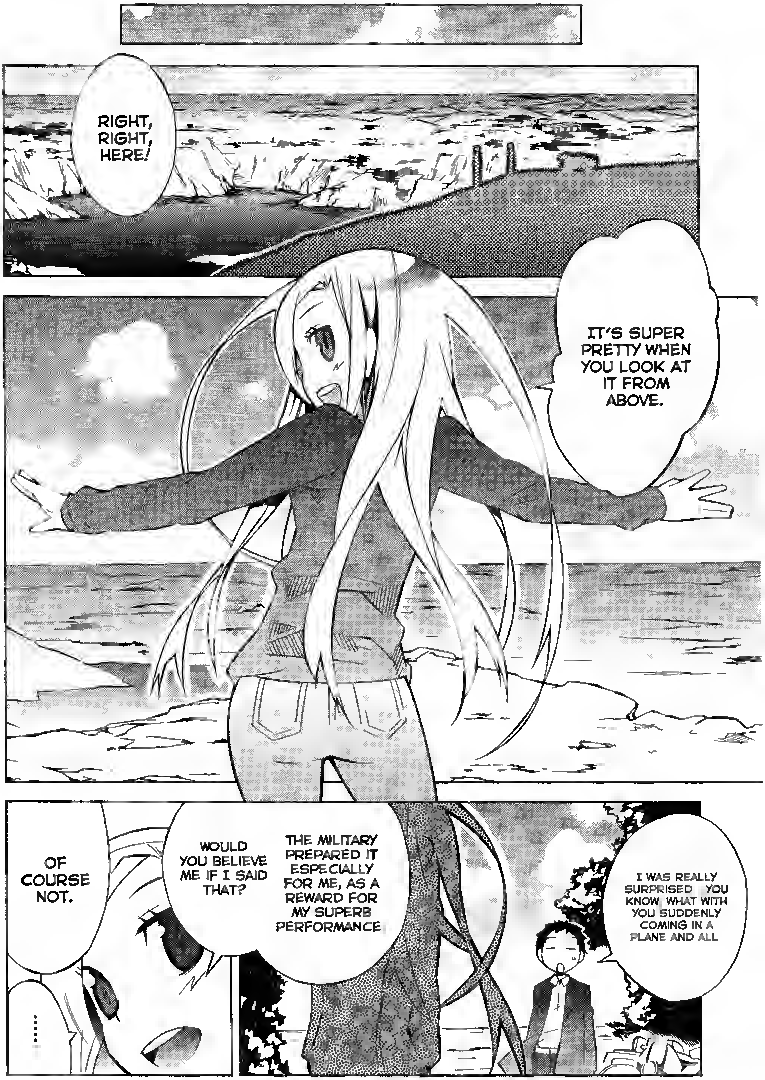
OF COURSE, IT'S ROXCHE.
.....
.....

SIR! LOOK!
!
AERO-PLANES!

AMAZING!
IT'S THE REAL THING!

IT'S LANDING!
LET'S GO HAVE A LOOK.
THAT'S THE ROXCHE AIR-FORCE!
"SERON'S SPEAR" IS DRAWN ON THE SIDE OF THE BODY.
TAKE A LOOK!
SHE CAN'T BE SOMEONE FROM OPPOSITE THE RIVER, RIGHT?
HEY, HEY, IS THIS FOR REAL?
BLONDE HAIR?

ALLISON ...
IS IT YOU?
OF COUR -SE.
JUST WHO ELSE DO YOU THINK WOULD IT BE, WILL?
HAVE YOU BEEN WELL?
IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME, WILL.


RIGHT, RIGHT, HERE!
IT'S SUPER PRETTY WHEN YOU LOOK AT IT FROM ABOVE.
I WAS REALLY SURPRISED YOU KNOW, WHAT WITH YOU SUDDENLY COMING IN A PLANE AND ALL
THE MILITARY PREPARED IT ESPECIALLY FOR ME, AS A REWARD FOR MY SUPERB PERFORMANCE
WOULD YOU BELIEVE ME IF I SAID THAT?
OF COURSE NOT.
.....

SO-SO I GUESS.
NORMALLY I'D BE GOING TO SCHOOL, BUT BECAUSE TODAY'S A HOLIDAY, I'M JUST CHILLING AT THE LIBRARY READING BOOKS.
AND YOU, ALLISON?
YUP, IN AUTUMN OF LAST YEAR IT WAS THE SECOND LETTER OF THE ELEVENTH MONTH, LINE 24
I'VE WRITTEN IN MY LETTERS THAT I'D JOINED THE DIVISION THAT TRANSPORTS AEROPLANES, DIDN'T I?
IT JUST SO HAPPENED I WAS PASSING THROUGH NEITO WHILE ON MY MISSION TO TRANSPORT THIS NEW PRACTICE PLANE
I SEE — AND SO YOU HAD SOMEONE GIVE YOU A RIDE?
I DID A BEAUTIFUL JOB OF CLEARING THE TOP OF YOUR SCHOOL JUST NOW, DIDN'T I?
TO BE PRECISE, IT'S JUST ME PILOTING THE PLANE.
I'M SO-SO TOO. — MORE LIKE A LITTLE DEPRESSED, ACTUALLY.
I'M REALLY HAPPY BEING ABLE TO FLY EVERY DAY, BUT NO MATTER HOW LONG I WAIT, I'LL NEVER BE ALLOWED TO PILOT A FIGHTER CRAFT.
HOW'VE YOU BEEN, WILL?
.....
OH YEAH!
I'VE GOT AN INTERESTING STORY TO TELL
.....
.....
HMM. IS THAT SO
.....

EARLIER,
I RECEIVED A LOVE LETTER!
.....
HMMM.
"HMMM" IS THAT ALL YOU HAVE TO SAY?
WELL, NO...
THIS IS AN INTERESTING STORY, SO I'LL JUST CONTINUE.
SOMEHOW, THE WRITER TURNED OUT TO BE A PERSON FROM OPPOSITE THE RIVER
OPPOSITE THE RIVER?!
...WHY?

I WAS ASKED TO PARTICIPATE TOO, SO I WENT ALONG —
WHEN I ARRIVED, A YOUNG OFFICER FROM THE SOU BEIL AIR FORCE INVITED ME TO TEA IN BROKEN ROXCHEAN
IT WAS INTERESTING, SO I AGREED. WE THEN HAD QUITE A LIVELY DISCUSSION IN THE OPPOSITE'S PAVILION, AND I EVEN DREW AN OUTRAGEOUS AMOUNT OF ATTENTION FROM THE OPPOSITE'S TROOPS.
HALF A MONTH AGO, THERE WAS A JOINT RESCUE EXERCISE BY THE ROXCHE AND SOU BEIL AIRFORCES, WASN'T THERE?
WELL, THE TRUTH IS THAT THEY'RE SIMPLY TESTING EACH OTHER'S STRENGTH.
YEAH, I HEARD IT ON THE RADIO AND READ IT IN THE PAPERS TOO.
—SURPRISING?
...SURPRISING ...YUP
SURPRISING
ISN'T IT?
THE LETTER TO THE DIVISION CAME THE DAY AFTER
HE WANTED TO PASS ON A LETTER ASKING ME TO GO OUT WITH HIM OFFICIALLY.
I DIDN'T THINK IT WOULD WORK OUT IN THE END, SO I WROTE A REPLY TURNING HIM DOWN.

I HAD NO CLUE...
THAT MILITARY PERSONNEL FROM THE TWO ARMIES COULD MINGLE WITH EACH OTHER SO LIGHT-HEARTEDLY...!!
HUH?
JUST THE FACT THAT THERE ARE MILITARY EXCHANGES IS SURPRISING ENOUGH, BUT... TO THINK PEOPLE SEND LETTERS!
ALLI-SON,
IN ANY CASE, EVEN IF IT'S JUST A LETTER, YOU SHOULD'VE TOLD HIM TO CONTINUE THE EXCHANGE...
OW!

I WENT TO KAASHI LAST MONTH.
SPEAKING OF WHICH. .
I WAS INVITED BY A FRIEND, SO I WENT TO TAKE CLASSES IN PISTOL SHOOTING.
THEN THEY PRAISED ME, SAYING 'YOU HAVE TALENT'
AND FORCED ME TO JOIN THE SHOOTING CLUB
THEY TOLD ME THAT —
WITH A LITTLE TRAINING, I COULD BECOME THE SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVE AT THE KAASHI FESTIVAL
LAST MONTH . WHICH MEANS THE ANNUAL 'FESTIVAL'? THAT'S KINDA NICE, ISN'T IT
I. DIDN'T GO THERE TO HAVE FUN. I HAD TO PARTICIPATE IN A MARKSMANSHIP COMPETITION
YOU DID?! WHY?!
HUH
SO, THEN WHAT HAPPENED?
YOU GOT SOME KIND OF PRIZE FOR PARTICIPATING?

WHAT WAS THAT?! 6TH?!
IT'S DANGEROUS TO STAND, YOU KNOW.
I CAME IN 6TH.
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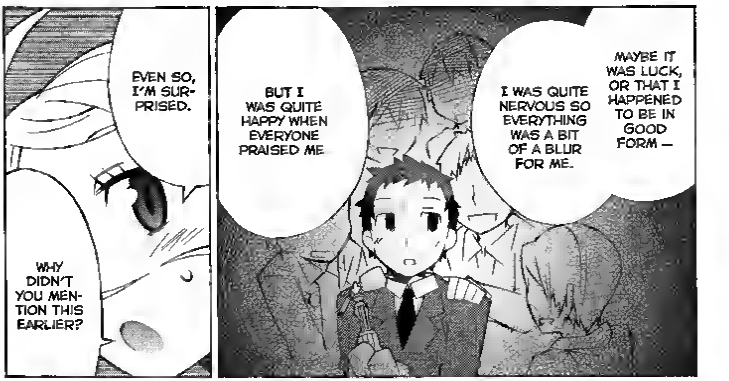
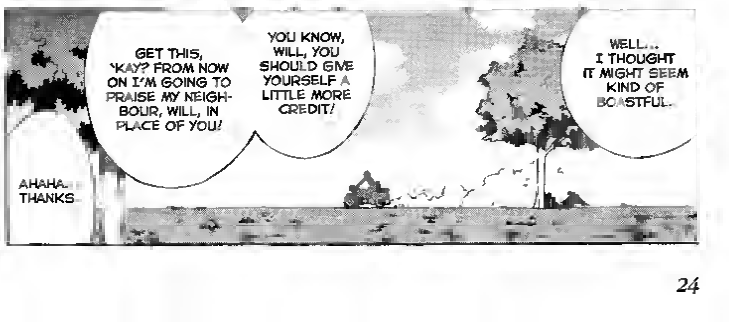

EVEN SO, I'M SURPRISED.
WHY DIDN'T YOU MENTION THIS EARLIER?
BUT I WAS QUITE HAPPY WHEN EVERYONE PRAISED ME.
I WAS QUITE NERVOUS SO EVERYTHING WAS A BIT OF A BLUR FOR ME.
MAYBE IT WAS LUCK, OR THAT I HAPPENED TO BE IN GOOD FORM —


GET THIS, 'KAY? FROM NOW ON I'M GOING TO PRAISE MY NEIGHBOUR, WILL, IN PLACE OF YOU!
YOU KNOW, WILL, YOU SHOULD GIVE YOURSELF A LITTLE MORE CREDIT!
WELL... I THOUGHT IT MIGHT SEEM KIND OF BOASTFUL.
AHAHA... THANKS.

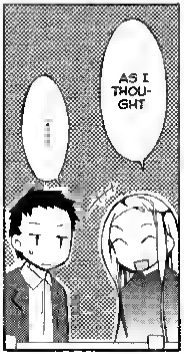
MAYBE YOU'RE JUST SUITED FOR GUNS.
LIKE THOSE LAIDBACK COWBOYS WHO'RE A REALLY GOOD SHOT.
ALLISON, YOU'RE THE 27TH PERSON TO SAY THAT.
YOU COUNTED?
NAH
I JUST REMEMBERED THAT'S ALL.
AH.
IT'S THAT GRANDPA.
OH.

YOU KNOW HIM?
HE LIVES ALONE AT THE OUTSKIRTS OF TOWN, LOAFING AROUND EVERY DAY.
ON TOP OF THAT, HE'S NOTORIOUS FOR CAPTURING STUDENTS AND RANTING ABOUT HIS WEIRD PAST.
WEIRD IN WHAT WAY?
LIKE BEING THE EX-BUTLER OF A ROYAL FAMILY, OWNING A DIAMOND MINE — EVERYONE CALLS HIM 'LYING GRAMPS'.
I THINK HE PROBABLY WANTS TO HITCH A RIDE HOME.
IT HAPPENED A WHILE AGO.
YO!
THE EXCELLENT UPPER SCHOOL STUDENT WHO'S ALWAYS WORKING HARD AT HIS STUDIES!
AND-
A RATHER BEAUTIFUL, BLONDE YOUNG LADY.

SORRY, BUT DO YOU MIND GIVING ME A RIDE BACK HOME?
WE'LL BE THERE IN A JIFFY.
IT WON'T GET IN THE WAY OF YOUR DATE.
PLEASE.
OOH, SORRY 'BOUT THIS.
IS IT ALL RIGHT WITH YOU?
AND,
SINCE WILL WON'T REFUSE ANYWAY.
HE PRAISED YOU,
WILL!

AHH, YOU SAVED ME BACK THERE.
THANKS A LOT.
I'M IMPRESSED!
SUCH CONSCIENTIOUS DRIVING.
"NOISY" IS A BIT MUCH!
I'M GOING TO GO SHOPPING NOW, SINCE I'VE PREPARED THE TEA.
AH YES, THIS IS THE CARING STUDENT WHO CARTED ME BACK AND HIS FAIR-HAIRED ACQUAINTANCE.
YOU TWO, THIS IS THE NOISY COOK OF THE HOUSE.
AAH, SORRY, SORRY.
GRANDPA, JUST WHERE DID YOU RUN OFF TO?
IF YOU CAN'T MAKE IT BACK THEN PLEASE DON'T WANDER SO FAR AWAY IN THE FIRST PLACE!

IT IS DELI-CIOUS
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE EVER DRANK SOME-THING SO DELI-CIOUS!
YUMMY!
WHEN I WAS YOUNG, I WAS GIVEN A SHARE WHILE I WORKED AS THE GARDENER IN THE SUMMER PALACE.
ANYHOW, THIS IS A PRODUCT MADE BY THE PURVEYOR TO THE STATI'S ROYAL FAMILY
THAT'S GREAT
AHAHA-HAHAHA-HAHA!
PU-HOO
IS THAT STORY A LIE?
SO-
OOH? THAT'S WONDER-FUL, ISN'T IT?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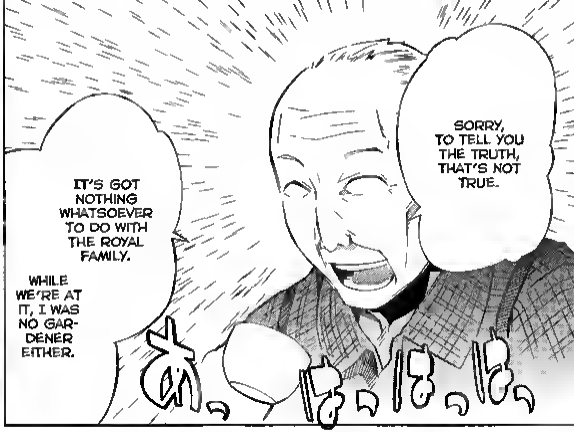
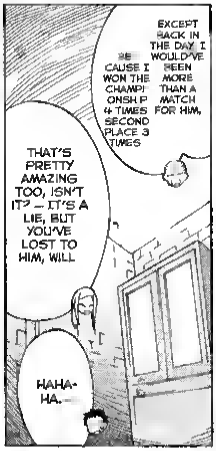
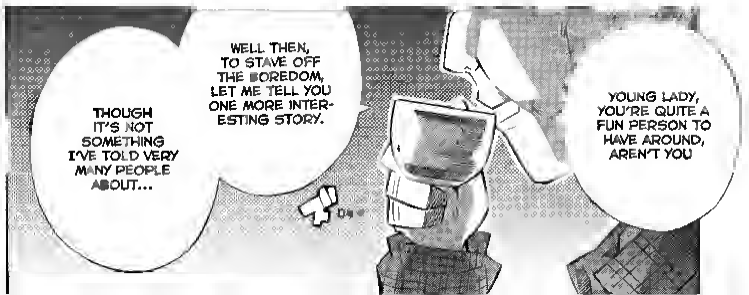

SORRY, TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH, THAT'S NOT TRUE.
IT'S GOT NOTHING WHATSOEVER TO DO WITH THE ROYAL FAMILY.
WHILE WE'RE AT IT, I WAS NO GARDENER EITHER.


EXCEPT BACK IN THE DAY, I WOULD'VE BEEN MORE THAN A MATCH FOR HIM, BECAUSE I WON THE CHAMPIONSHIP 4 TIMES SECOND PLACE 3 TIMES
THAT'S PRETTY AMAZING TOO, ISN'T IT? — IT'S A LIE, BUT YOU'VE LOST TO HIM, WILL
HAHAHA...

WILL'S A STUDENT, OF COURSE. HE'S GOT GOOD GRADES, AND HE WON 6TH PLACE IN THE MARKSMANSHIP CONTEST AT THE KAASHI FESTIVAL!
THOSE ARE SOME MIGHTY ACHIEVEMENTS!
OOH!

IS THE YOUNG LADY ALSO A STUDENT AT THE UPPER SCHOOL?
NOO-OPE
I JUST CAME BY TO VISIT DURING MY HOLIDAY.


WELL THEN, TO STAVE OFF THE BOREDOM, LET ME TELL YOU ONE MORE INTERESTING STORY.
THOUGH IT'S NOT SOMETHING I'VE TOLD VERY MANY PEOPLE ABOUT...
YOUNG LADY, YOU'RE QUITE A FUN PERSON TO HAVE AROUND, AREN'T YOU

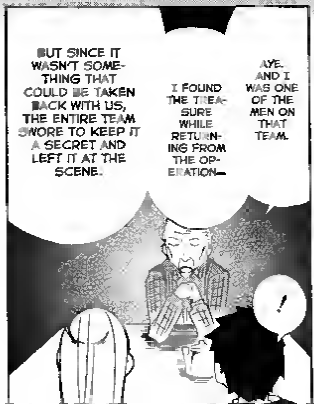
I KNOW THE WHEREABOUTS OF AN AMAZING TREASURE.
ACTUALLY...
YOU SEE...
TREASURE?
ARE YOU TELLING THE TRUTH?
WHAT KIND OF TREASURE?
AN AMAZING TREASURE.
ONE THAT YOU SIMPLY CANNOT BUY WITH MONEY. IT'S ABSOLUTELY PRICELESS.
AYE.
I'VE SPUN PLENTY A PRETTY YARN, BUT THE TRUTH IS, ONLY THIS ONE HASN'T BEEN A LIE
I'D RATHER DIE THAN TO LIE ABOUT THIS.
IT'S JUST...
IT'S JUST, SEE.

THIS TREASURE CAN END THE WAR BETWEEN ROXCHE AND SOU BEIL.
THAT IS THE ONLY VALUE THIS TREASURE POSSESSES.

WELL?
AMAZING, DON'T YOU THINK?
I'VE HEARD ABOUT IT FROM PAPA LONG AGO.
IT'S THE STORY ABOUT LIEUTENANT COLONEL WALTER MACMILLAN AND THE SPECIAL FORCES, ISN'T IT?
IF IT'S TRUE, THEN THAT'S AMAZING
BUT HOW DID YOU FIND OUT ABOUT IT?
I FOUND IT PURELY BY COINCIDENCE.
DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE POISON GAS OPERATION THAT ROXCHE CARRIED OUT NEARBY DURING THE GREAT WAR?
IN THE YEAR 3256 OF THE WORLD CALENDAR, WHEN THE SOU BEIL ARMY LAUNCHED A SURPRISE ATTACK AND INVADED US HERE, AT NEITO REGION —

A LIEUTENANT COLONEL CALLED WALTER MACMILLAN TOOK ALONG TEN-ODD MEN AND CREPT UP TO THE ENEMY'S HEADQUARTERS IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT.
THEN THEY PROCEEDED TO INITIATE A POISON GAS ATTACK.

THE GAS KILLED OFF THE ENEMY'S GENERAL AND MOST OF HIS MEN, FORCING THE SOU BEIL ARMY TO RETREAT
FOR MANY YEARS AFTER THAT, THE ROYCHE SIDE WAS CRITICISED FOR ITS INHUMAN USE OF POISON GAS.


BUT SINCE IT WASN'T SOMETHING THAT COULD BE TAKEN BACK WITH US, THE ENTIRE TEAM SWORE TO KEEP IT A SECRET AND LEFT IT AT THE SCENE.
I FOUND THE TREASURE WHILE RETURNING FROM THE OPERATION—
AYE. AND I WAS ONE OF THE MEN ON THAT TEAM.
!

THAT'S WHAT I READ IN THE TEXTBOOKS.
BUT MANY MORE, ENEMIES AND ALLIES ALIKE, WOULD HAVE DIED IF THIS OPERATION HAD FAILED—

BUT ALL OF THE MEMBERS, EXCEPT LIEUTENANT COLONEL MACMILLAN, DIED IN BATTLE ACCORDING TO THE HISTORY WE'VE LEARNED...
THE TRUTH IS THAT ALL OF THE MEMBERS ARE JUST FINE, BUT THE ARMY LIED FOR FEAR OF REVENGE BY SPIES.
MORE-OVER, THE PERSON CALLED LIEUTENANT COLONEL MACMILLAN DOESN'T ACTUALLY EXIST!
HE'S A FICTIONAL CHARACTER CREATED TO DIVERT THE CRITICISMS TOWARDS THE USE OF POISON GAS
...IF THAT WERE TRUE,
THEN WHAT I'M LEARNING FROM MY TEACHERS IS NOTHING MORE THAN SOME HALF-BAKED STORIES?

HISTORY IS OFTEN MADE UP OF PARTIAL-STORIES.
WHAT'S IMPORTANT IS NOT "CONVEYING THE ABSOLUTE TRUTH"
BUT RATHER, "PROPAGATING WHATEVER BEST SUITS OUR NEEDS", SEE?
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THEN,
WHY HAVEN'T YOU SAID ANY-THING ABOUT THE TREASURE?

I BELIEVE YOUR STORY, SO TELL US THE LOCATION OF THE TREASURE!
I'LL TAKE YOU ALONG WITH ME!
B...BUT WE CAN'T GO IN A SIDECAR...
IN THAT CASE, YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY.
LOOK AT THIS.
I'M IN THE MILITARY.
IF I HAVE A FLYING MISSION NEARBY, BUT THEN I CAN SNEAK YOU AND WILL ON BOARD AND GIVE YOU A RIDE TO WHERE THE TREASURE IS!

"NOPE", YOU SAY...
NOPE
ALLISON ...IS SOMETHING LIKE THAT OKAY?
MAY I HAVE A LOOK AT THAT?
THIS IS SURPRISING ...TIMES SURE HAVE CHANGED
?
HM?
WELL? ARE YOU COMING?
"OOH, LITTLE ORPHANED BIRDS WILL FLY ANYWHERE",
HUH?
.....
...HM?
IT MIGHT BE INTERESTING TO TELL IT TO YOU—
YES
YOU TWO ARE PLENTY OF FUN, AREN'T YOU?

GOOD DAY. PARDON MY INTRUSION.
I AM ATAX OFFICIAL FROM THE DISTRICT TOWN HALL.
I HAVE COME TO DISCUSS TAXMATTERS REGARDING THIS PIECEOF LAND WITH THE MASTER OF THIS HOUSE
UM... WOULD YOU BE HIS RELATIVES?
THEY'RE GUESTS.
I SEE... OH MY, I HAD HEARD THAT YOU WOULD BE ALONE.
MANY APOLOGIES ABOUT THE INCONVENIENCE. HOWEVER, SINCE IT'S A LITTLE TRICKY CONDUCTING A TECHNICAL DISCUSSION HERE, COULD I ASK YOU TO ACCOMPANY ME TO THE TOWN HALL?
GRR.

WAIT JUST A MINUTE!
WE'RE IN THE MIDDLE OF A CONVERSATION HERE, YOU KNOW?
AH...
BUT, YOU SEE...
MUST IT BE TODAY. NOW?
IF I REFUSE?
I RECEIVED ORDERS THAT STATE THAT I MUST TAKE YOU ALONG BY THE END OF TODAY.
WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE THE OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS?
AAH, ALL RIGHT, ALL RIGHT, I'LL GO.
SORRY, YOU TWO, BUT THE CONVERSATION'LL HAVE TO WAIT TILL LATER.
STAY AS LONG AS YOU LIKE.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO LOCK UP AFTER YOURSELVES.
EH? W-WAIT...
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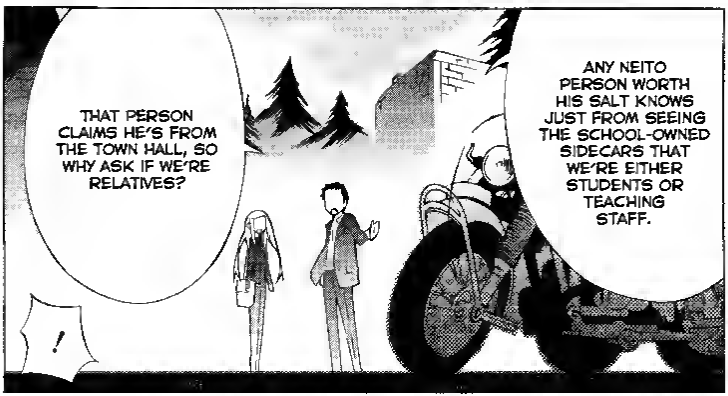
IT'S WEIRD.
WHAT IS?
THAT PERSON.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?


ANY NEITO PERSON WORTH HIS SALT KNOWS JUST FROM SEEING THE SCHOOL-OWNED SIDECARS THAT WE'RE EITHER STUDENTS OR TEACHING STAFF.
THAT PERSON CLAIMS HE'S FROM THE TOWN HALL, SO WHY ASK IF WE'RE RELATIVES?
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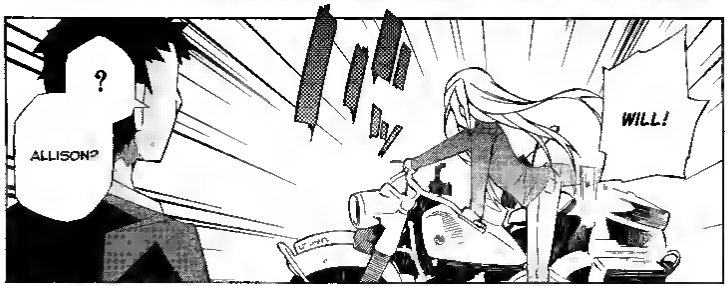
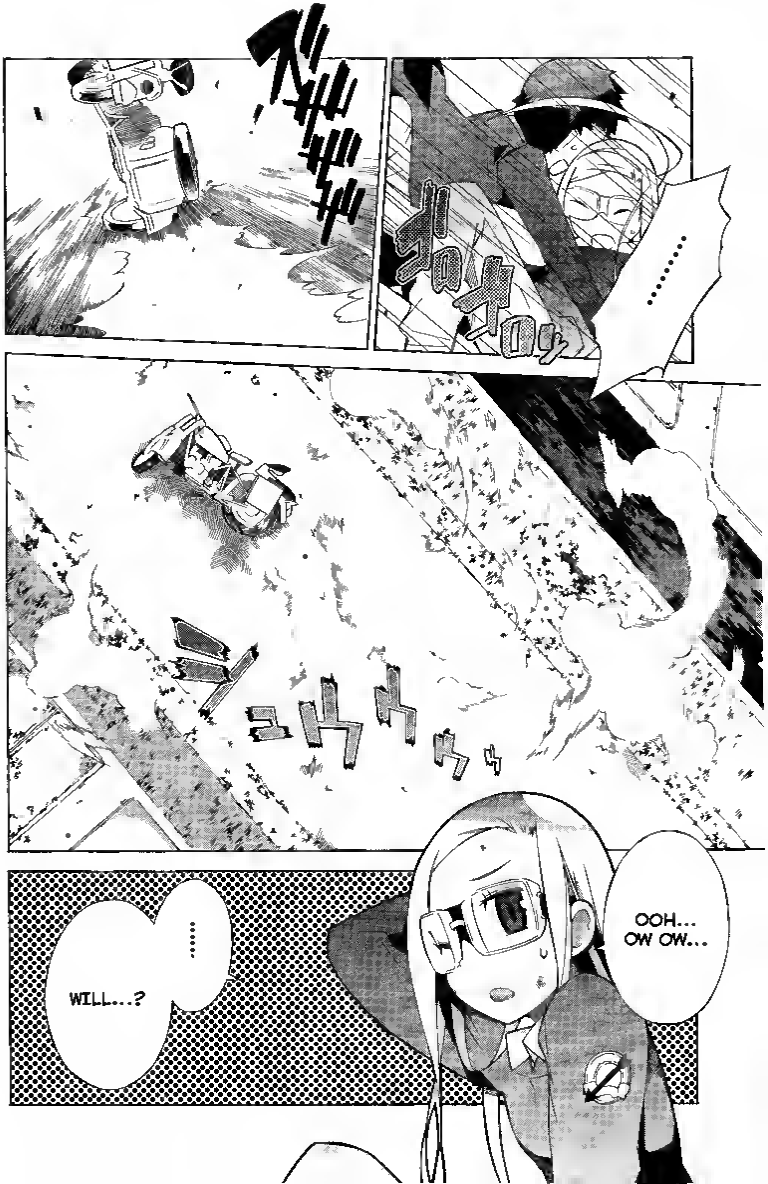

WILL!
?
ALLISON?

KEYS!!
WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO ONCE WE'VE CAUGHT UP?
I'M GOING TO QUESTION HIM!
...AND THEN?
AND THEN.
ANYWAY, I'M QUESTIONING HIM! THAT 'MR. OFFICIAL'!
I'M GOING TO MAKE HIM SHOW HIS PROOF OF HIS IDENTITY!
WE... WE'RE GOING TOO FAST!
SORRY—
FOUND THEM!

I WONDER WHERE THEY ARE GOING.
NOT TOWARDS TOWN — IT'S THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION.
IN THAT DIRECTION, WE'VE GOT NOTHING BUT FARMLAND.
DOESN'T THAT MAKE IT ALL THE MORE SUSPICIOUS?!
?!
ALLISON! IT'S A GUN!!
WHA...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OOH... OW OW...
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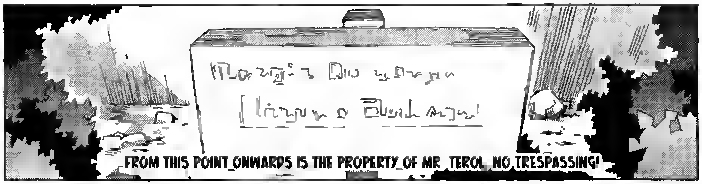
WILL...?

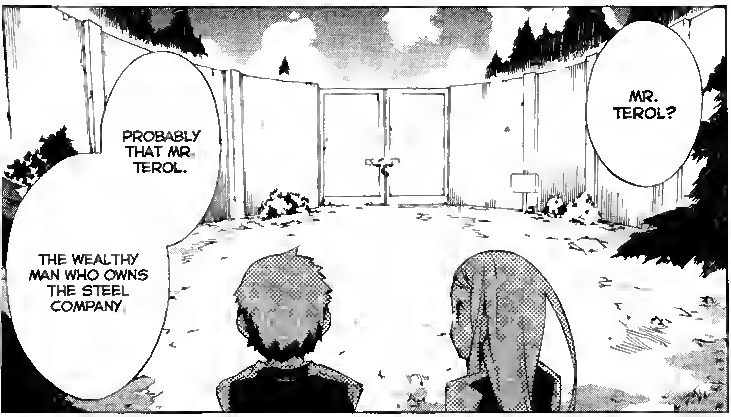
WILL!
I'M OVER HERE.
THIS WAY.
ARE YOU OKAY? ARE YOU HURT?
I MADE IT SOMEHOW AND YOU?
I'M FINE, THANKS.
THE DIRECTION THAT CAR WAS HEADED...
THEIR DESTINATION IS...
PRIVATE PROPERTY?

THE TREASURE STORY
MUST BE TRUE, IF EVEN A MYSTERIOUS, ARMED ORGANISATION IS INVOLVED
YOU BELIEVE IT..?
BUT

THE TREASURE GRANDPA TALKED ABOUT IS TOO AMAZING.
BEING ABLE TO RECONCILE ROXCHE AND SOU BEIL WITH IT... ALLISON, DO YOU BELIEVE IT?

'COURSE NOT.
BUT GRANDPA WAS KIDNAPPED.
SO AT THE VERY LEAST HE'S BEING PURSUED BY THAT FAKE OFFICIAL..


FROM THIS POINT ONWARDS IS THE PROPERTY OF MR. TEROL. NO TRESPASSING!


MR. TEROL?
PROBABLY THAT MR. TEROL.
THE WEALTHY MAN WHO OWNS THE STEEL COMPANY.

AAH, THAT GREEDY MULTI-MILLION-AIRE.
HE SAID TO HAVE CASHED IN HEAPS FROM THE WAR.
THEN ACCORDING TO YOU, ALLISON, ALL RICH PEOPLE ARE GREEDY...
SMH.
WHAT'S THE MATTER?
NO... YOU'RE WRONG.
THIS SOUND... A CAR?

THE SKY! IT'S AN AERO-PLANE!
BUT IT'S AN EMER-GENCY!
BUT IT'S PRIVATE PROP-ERTY.
...IN ANY CASE, LET'S CHECK OUT THE AIR-FIELD...
WHAT SHOULD WE DO?
WE CAN'T GO TOO WRONG AS-SUMING THAT GRANDPA'S ABOARD THAT...
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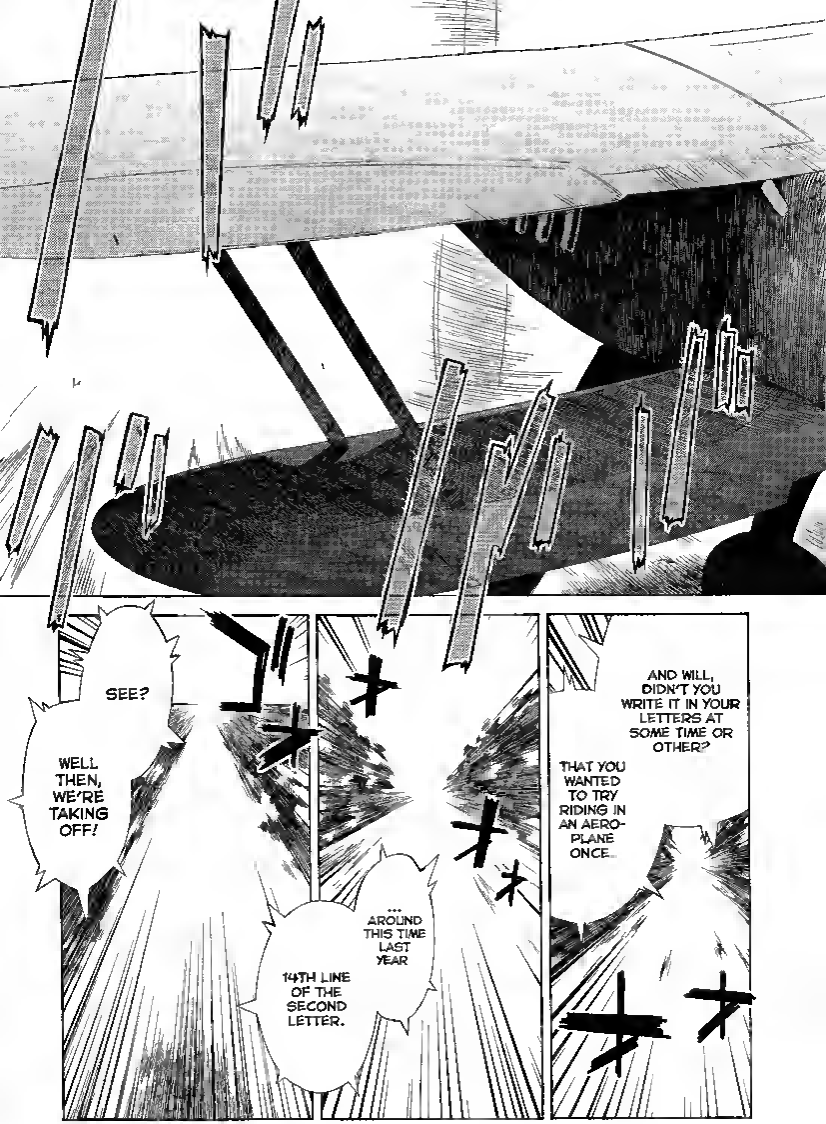
THERE'S ONE AERO-PLANE IN THE HANGER...
THERE AREN'T ANY GUARDS ON THE LOOKOUT NEARBY...ARE THERE...
A-ALLISON.. WHAT'RE YOU THINKING...?

ALLISON!
THIS IS RECK-LESS!
UNDER-STOOD.
WE'RE JUST CHASING THEM A LITTLE.
I'D BE HAPPY IF YOU TAGGED ALONG
GOT IT!
BUT WE'RE NOT DOING ANYTHING MORE THAN THAT!
BUT WE'RE RECKLESS ENOUGH AS IT IS...
GOT IT, WILL? SOMEONE'S BEEN AB-DUCTED.
IS IT NOT THE DUTY OF A GOOD ROXCHE CITIZEN TO FIND OUT THE ABDUCTORS' DESTINATION AND THEN CONTACT THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES?


AND WILL, DIDN'T YOU WRITE IT IN YOUR LETTERS AT SOME TIME OR OTHER?
THAT YOU WANTED TO TRY RIDING IN AN AERO-PLANE ONCE...
...AROUND THIS TIME LAST YEAR
14TH LINE OF THE SECOND LETTER.
SEE?
WELL THEN, WE'RE TAKING OFF!

WILL,
WELCOME TO THE SKY!

NOW,
LET'S CHASE AFTER THAT FLYING BOAT!

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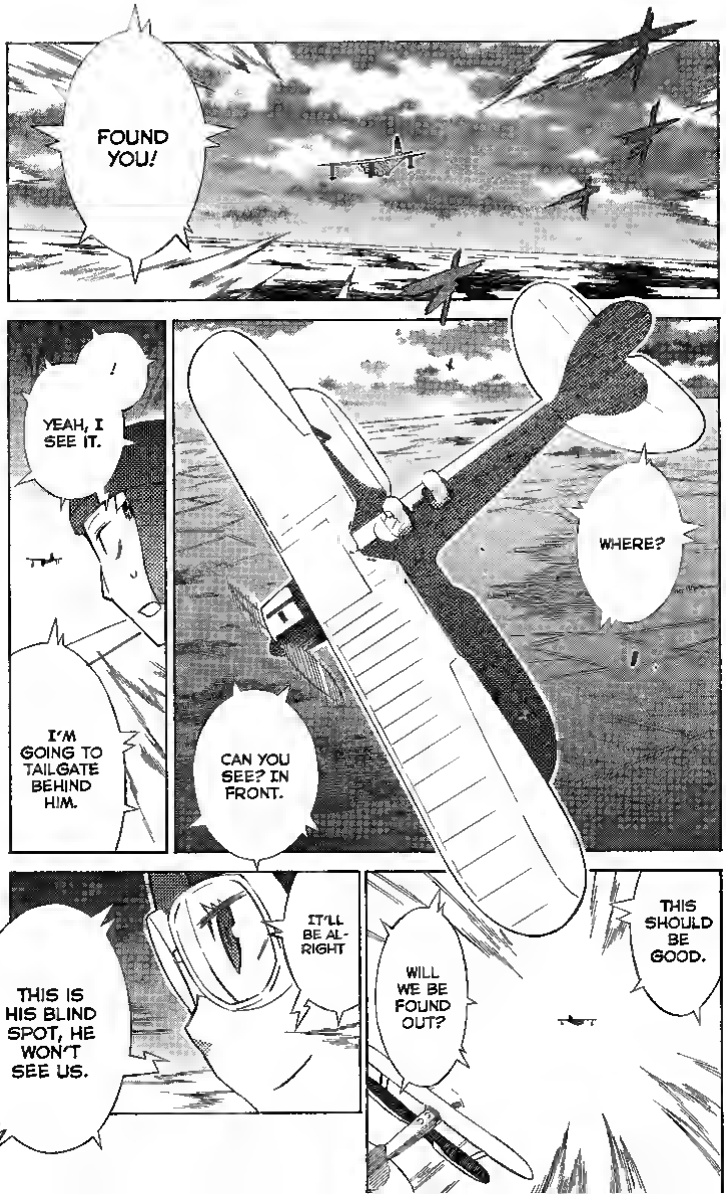
Sure ...
But ... how?


FOUND YOU!
YEAH, I SEE IT.
I'M GOING TO TAILGATE BEHIND HIM.
CAN YOU SEE? IN FRONT.
WHERE?
THIS IS HIS BLIND SPOT, HE WON'T SEE US.
IT'LL BE ALRIGHT
WILL WE BE FOUND OUT?
THIS SHOULD BE GOOD.

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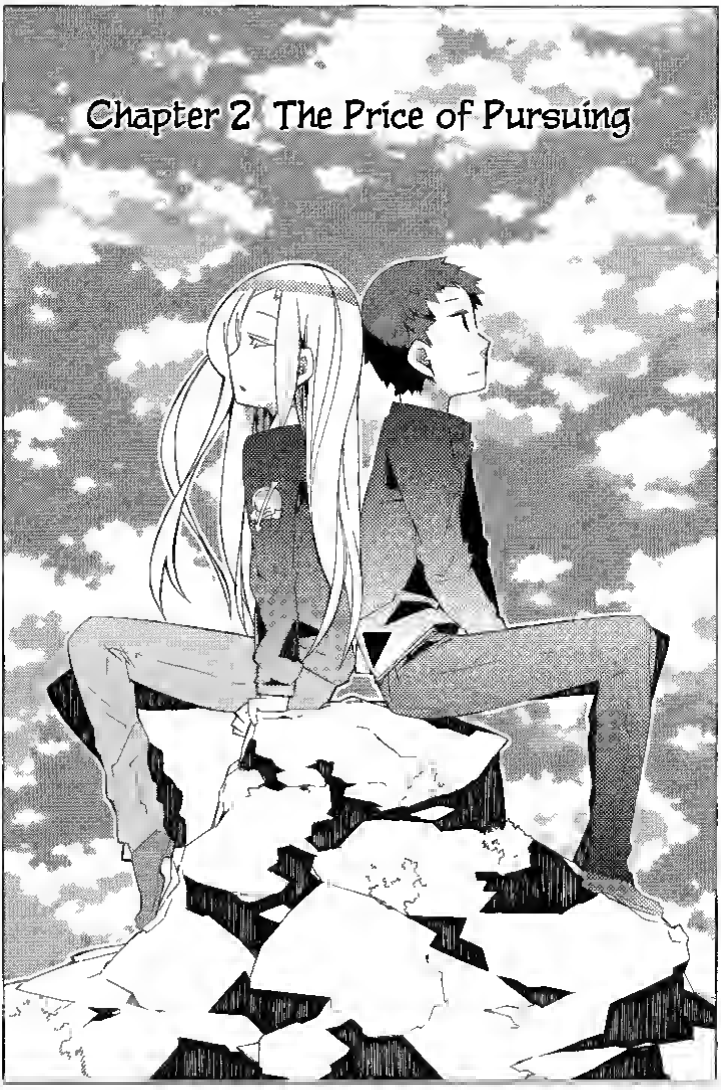

NEVERTHELESS, I'VE NEVER SEEN THAT AIRCRAFT MODEL...
EH?
A—
AAAAAA AAAAAAA AAAAAAAA HHHHH HHH!!!!
...
BUT YOU WROTE TO ME BEFORE THAT,
YOU KNOW ALMOST ALL THE AIRCRAFT MODELS—...
ALLISON!
YES?
BELOW!
LOOK BELOW US!

IT'S A RIVER! A HUGE ONE!
— IT'S LUTONI RIVER!
WE'RE CROSSING THE BORDER!
THERE'S A THIRTY KILOMETER BUFFER ZONE ON EACH SIDE OF THE RIVER.
30km
30km
ALLISON!
WE-WE'RE TRESPASSING...

...
TECHNI-CALLY IT'S AN "AIRSPACE INCURSION".
OH WELL.
IT'S OKAY.
WE'RE JUST GOING TO GO AFTER HIM TO GET A ROUGH ESTIMATE OF HIS DESTINA-TION.
IF WE ANNOUNCE TO THE PUBLIC THAT "SOU BEIL HAS KIDNAPPED A ROXCHE EL-DERLY MAN!!" IT'S BIG NEWS, RIGHT?
...IN THAT CASE, STEAL-ING BOTH A PLANE AND TRESPASSING WILL BECOME HAZY...
THAT'S YOUR ORIGINAL INTENT, HUH...
WILL, YOU'RE SMART.
...I SHOULD HAVE RE-ALIZED IT EARLIER ...
ALL RIGHT, WE'LL HEAD BACK ONCE WE CONFIRM WHERE HE LANDS.

!
ALLISON, THAT LIGHT...
HE SAW US. HOW...
THERE'S NO CITY BELOW US...
IT DOESN'T SEEM LIKE HE'S GOING TO LAND EITHER...
HE'S GETTING AWAY!
...
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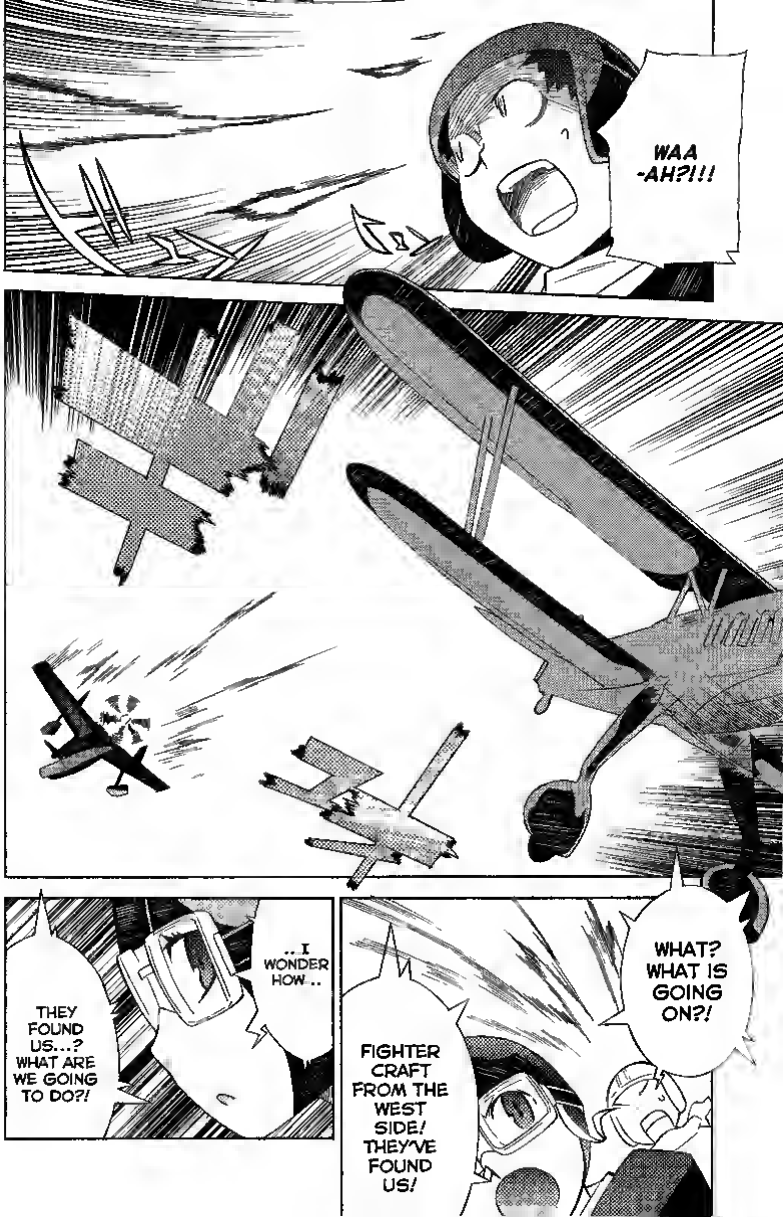
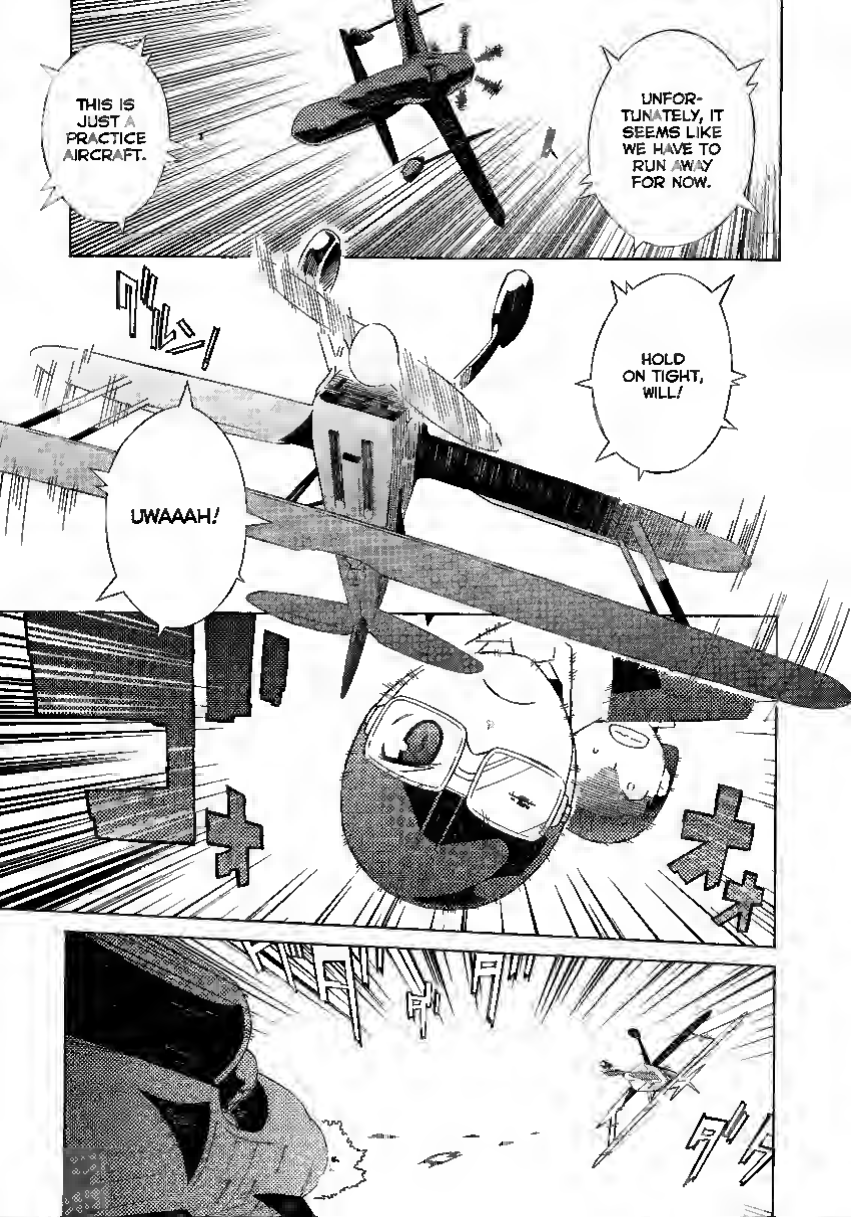
...
WILL, CHECK YOUR SEAT BELT,
IT'S GOING TO BE ROUGH FOR A BIT...
NOT YET...
... NO...
WHY?
NOW!!


WAA -AH?!!
WHAT? WHAT IS GOING ON?!
FIGHTER CRAFT FROM THE WEST SIDE! THEY'VE FOUND US!
.. I WONDER HOW ..
THEY FOUND US...? WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO?!


THIS IS JUST A PRACTICE AIRCRAFT.
UNFOR-TUNATELY, IT SEEMS LIKE WE HAVE TO RUN AWAY FOR NOW.
HOLD ON TIGHT, WILL!
UWAAAH!

WE ARE FAAAAAALLIIIIING!!
WILL, DO SOMETHING FOR ME!
WH-WHAT CAN I DO?
THERE'S A BAG OF FLARE ON THE SIDE OF THE PASSENGER SEAT! HANG IT TO THE SIDE OF THE AIRCRAFT AND PULL THE STRING! I'LL TAKE CARE OF THE REST SOMEHOW!!
I'M DOING THIS ON PURPOSE!

FEIGNING DEATH!
WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING?
GOT-GOT IT...!
DROP THE BAG!!
NOW WE JUST HAVE TO GLIDE VERY CLOSE TO THE GROUND...
THEY'LL THINK WE CRASHED.
DID WE TRICK THEM?

WHA— ELECTRIC CABLES ...?!
...DAMMIT!!

UGH
AUG GGHHH-HHHHHH-HHH...
STAND UP!
AND RUN!!!

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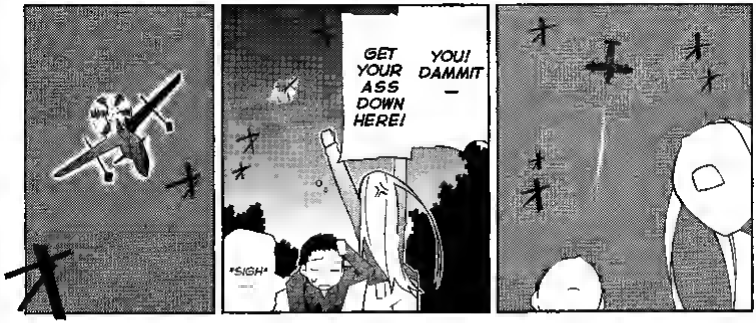
...WILL, YOU LOOK OKAY.
I'M- I'M FINE. WHAT ABOUT ALLISON?
ME TOO. BUT THE PLANE'S...

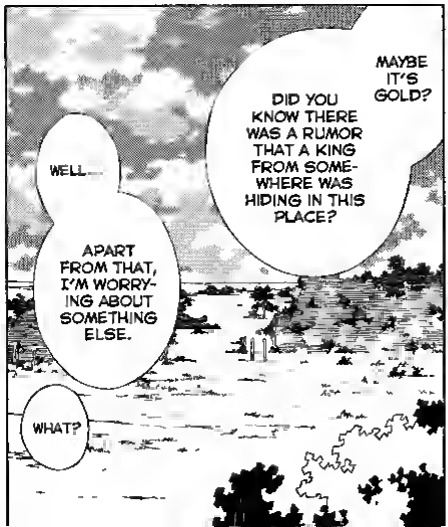
ALSO —
WHO THE HECK SET UP CABLE LINES IN SUCH A RURAL AREA?!
WE ALMOST DID IT TOO!!

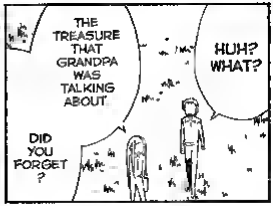

GET YOUR ASS DOWN HERE!
YOU! DAMMIT —
SIGH

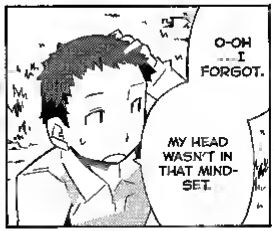
THIS IS KARASU, AHIRU DO YOU COPY?
FIGHTER CRAFT FROM THE EAST IN PURSUIT HAS BEEN SHOT DOWN — OVER.
THIS IS AHIRU.
APPIRMATIVE, COVER OUR MAIN CRAFT UNTIL YOU REACH BASE — OVER.
JUST FOLLOW WHAT YOU ARE TOLD TO DO.
THERE WILL BE NO NEED OF THAT
HOWEVER —
SHOULDN'T WE CONTACT HEADQUATERS TO REQUEST AN INVESTIGATION SQUAD? — OVER
THAT ROXCHE FIGHTER CRAFT HAS TRESPASSED THE BORDER CONSIDERABLY FAR,
DAMMIT.
DON'T GET CHEEKY, LIEUTENANT

LET'S WALK TO THE NEAREST TOWN AND TALK OUR WAY OUT.
WHO KNOWS. I'VE NEVER SEEN ANY MAPS REGARDING AREAS "BEYOND THE RIVER."
I WONDER IF THERE'S EVEN A TOWN ANYWHERE NEAR US?
UNFORTUNATELY, THAT'S THE ONLY OPTION..
ARE YOU SERIOUS...
YOU'RE STILL GOING TO "GO MY WAY"...
IS THAT BAD?
IF WE BORROW IT WE CAN GO HOME,
RIGHT?
DO YOU THINK THERE'LL BE AN AIRFIELD AND AIRCRAFTS IF WE FIND A TOWN?
HUH? WHY?

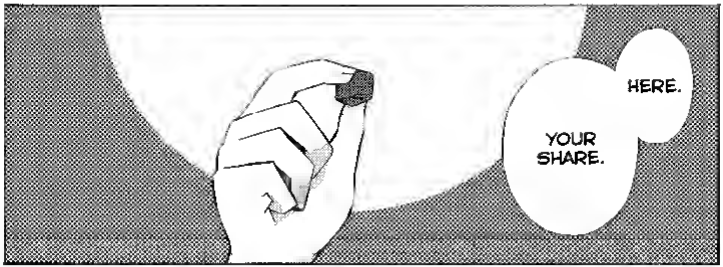
HEY WILL,
WHAT DO YOU THINK THE TREASURE IS?

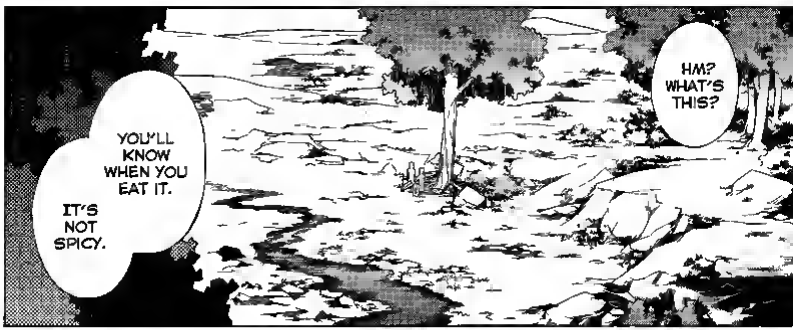

WELL...
APART FROM THAT, I'M WORRYING ABOUT SOMETHING ELSE.
WHAT?
DID YOU KNOW THERE WAS A RUMOR THAT A KING FROM SOMEWHERE WAS HIDING IN THIS PLACE?
MAYBE IT'S GOLD?

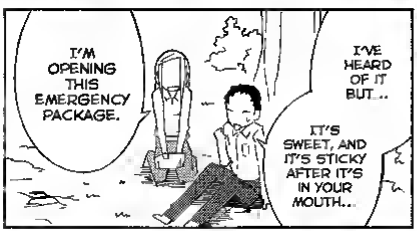

THE TREASURE THAT GRANDPA WAS TALKING ABOUT
DID YOU FORGET?
HUH? WHAT?

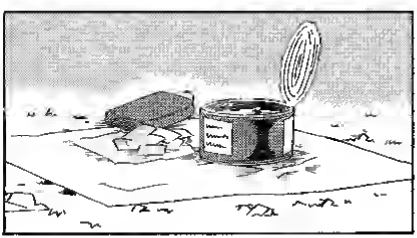

O-OH ...I FORGOT.
MY HEAD WASN'T IN THAT MINDSET.

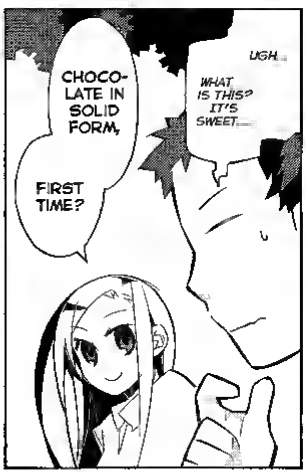
NOW THEN, AT WHAT POINT IN TIME SHOULD ALLISON HAVE LISTENED TO ME SHOUTING AND STOPPED THIS NONSENSE?
WHEN WE WERE PURSUING BY THE SIDECAR?
WHEN WE WERE BORROWING THE AIRCRAFT?
OR WHEN WE WERE CLEARLY TRESPASSING...?
THAT'S A TOUGH QUESTION ...BUT,
THERE'S NO POINT IN ANSWERING NOW.
GOOD GRIEF
I DEFINITELY HAVE TO PREVENT THIS FROM HAPPENING AGAIN...
YUP.
NOT "YUP," ALLISON..
YOU'RE PLANNING TO DO SOMETHING ELSE AGAIN, AREN'T YOU?
YUP.
...
IT'S GOOD TO BE PERSISTENT, WILL.


HERE.
YOUR SHARE.


HM? WHAT'S THIS?
YOU'LL KNOW WHEN YOU EAT IT.
IT'S NOT SPICY.

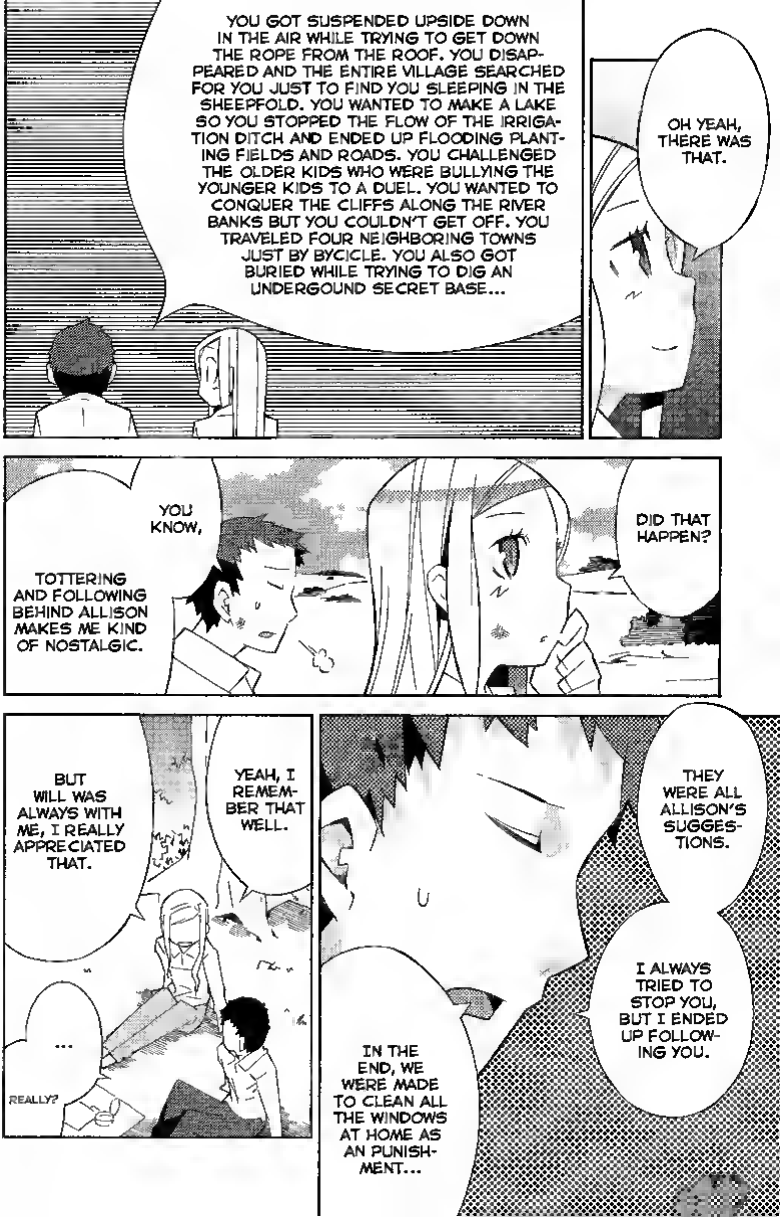

I'M OPENING THIS EMERGENCY PACKAGE.
I'VE HEARD OF IT BUT...
IT'S SWEET, AND IT'S STICKY AFTER IT'S IN YOUR MOUTH...




UGH...
WHAT IS THIS? IT'S SWEET...
CHOCO-LATE IN SOLID FORM,
FIRST TIME?

SEEMS LIKE WE HAVEN'T BEEN LIKE THIS SINCE WE WERE PICNICKING AS KIDS.
WE'RE STILL BEING CALLED KIDS NOW, BUT THAT WAS WHEN WE WERE TEN YEARS OLD.
WHEN WE WERE KIDS, HUH...
THAT REMINDS ME, YOU WERE STILL A WILD CHILD WHEN WE HAD A "HOME" ...
REALLY?

DON'T TELL ME YOU DON'T REMEMBER.
YOU CLIMBED A TREE JUST BECAUSE YOU WERE TOLD NOT TO CLIMB THE TREE,
WENT OUT DURING HEAVY SNOWFALL JUST BECAUSE YOU WERE TOLD NOT TO GO OUTSIDE AND GOT YOURSELF BURIED DEEP INSIDE THE SNOW.
YOU ALSO GOT STUCK UNDER THE BED FOR "EXTERMINATING RATS"...


YOU GOT SUSPENDED UPSIDE DOWN IN THE AIR WHILE TRYING TO GET DOWN THE ROPE FROM THE ROOF. YOU DISAPPEARED AND THE ENTIRE VILLAGE SEARCHED FOR YOU JUST TO FIND YOU SLEEPING IN THE SHEEPFOLD. YOU WANTED TO MAKE A LAKE SO YOU STOPPED THE FLOW OF THE IRRIGATION DITCH AND ENDED UP FLOODING PLANTING FIELDS AND ROADS. YOU CHALLENGED THE OLDER KIDS WHO WERE BULLYING THE YOUNGER KIDS TO A DUEL. YOU WANTED TO CONQUER THE CLIFFS ALONG THE RIVER BANKS BUT YOU COULDN'T GET OFF. YOU TRAVELED FOUR NEIGHBORING TOWNS JUST BY BYCICLE. YOU ALSO GOT BURIED WHILE TRYING TO DIG AN UNDERGOUND SECRET BASE...
OH YEAH, THERE WAS THAT.
YOU KNOW,
TOTTERING AND FOLLOWING BEHIND ALLISON MAKES ME KIND OF NOSTALGIC.
DID THAT HAPPEN?
BUT WILL WAS ALWAYS WITH ME, I REALLY APPRECIATED THAT.
YEAH, I REMEMBER THAT WELL.
...
REALLY?
THEY WERE ALL ALLISON'S SUGGESTIONS.
I ALWAYS TRIED TO STOP YOU, BUT I ENDED UP FOLLOWING YOU.
IN THE END, WE WERE MADE TO CLEAN ALL THE WINDOWS AT HOME AS AN PUNISHMENT...

...
YOU HELPED CLEANED WINDOWS AND CUT THE TIME NEEDED IN HALF.
YEAH.
I WISH WE COULD JUST TAKE THE PUNISHMENT TO CLEAN WINDOWS...
BUT THAT'S PROBABLY NOT GOING TO HAPPEN ...
I GUESS ...
...WE'RE SLEEPING OUTDOORS.

I'VE HAD TRAINING BIVOUACKING* IN THE SNOW SO WE'LL GET THROUGH SOMEHOW.
I'D RATHER NOT IF I DIDN'T HAVE TO.
THANK GOODNESS IT'S SUMMER...
I'VE HAD THAT RESOLUTION FOR A LONG TIME NOW.
THERE MIGHT HAVE BEEN A VILLAGE NEARBY BEFORE THE GREAT WAR.
IT SEEMS LIKE THIS WAS AN AREA FOR THE ROYALS' AND ARISTOCRATS' EXTRAVAGANT VILLAS.
THE FOREST IS NEATLY ALIGNED. I WONDER IF THIS WAS AN AGRICULTURAL LAND...
...BUT THERE ARE ANIMALS,
LOOK!
WERE FORCED TO RELOCATE. THERE ISN'T ANYONE AROUND...
BUT THERE CAME THE BUFFER ZONE AFTER, SO THEY PROBABLY —

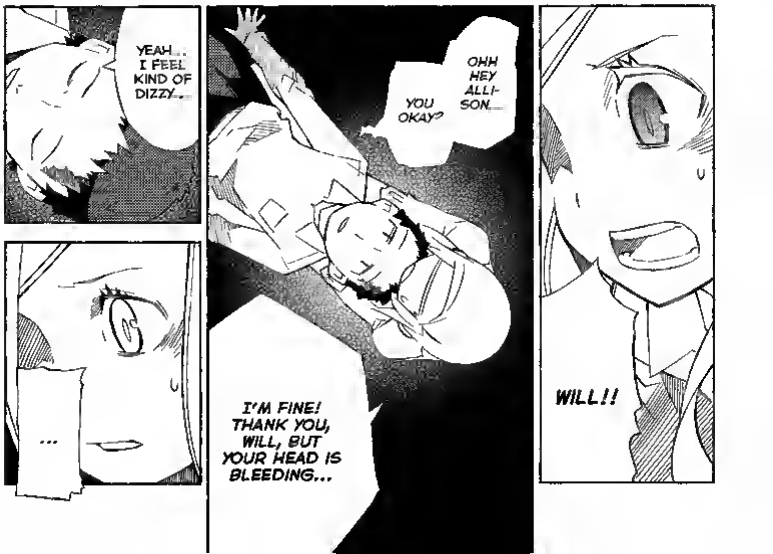
*TL MILITARY ENCAMPMENT WITH TENTS OR IMPROVISED SHELTERS

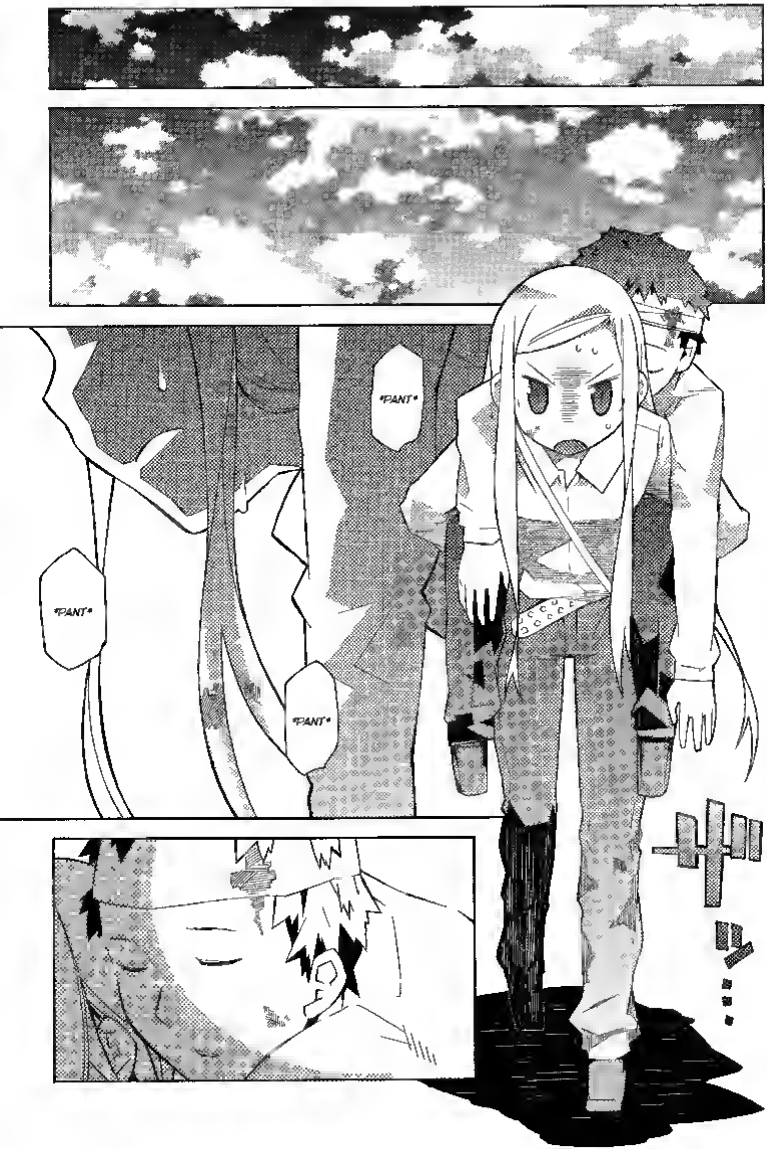
IT'S A DEER.
IT DOESN'T LOOK ANY DIFFERENT THAN THE ONES FROM RAPUTOA REPUBLIC.
IT LOOKS LIKE A YOUNG ONE.
IT'S OKAY, WE WON'T EAT YOU.
DON'T BE AFRAID.
ARE YOU ALONE?
ALLISON!
WATCH OUT!

IT'S THE MOTHER DEER—

WILL!
YOU!
...

WILL, CAN YOU HEAR ME?!
WILL!


YEAH... I FEEL KIND OF DIZZY...
...
OHH HEY ALLI-SON... YOU OKAY?
I'M FINE! THANK YOU, WILL, BUT YOUR HEAD IS BLEEDING...
WILL!!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DAMMIT
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GOTTA KEEP GOING
THIS..
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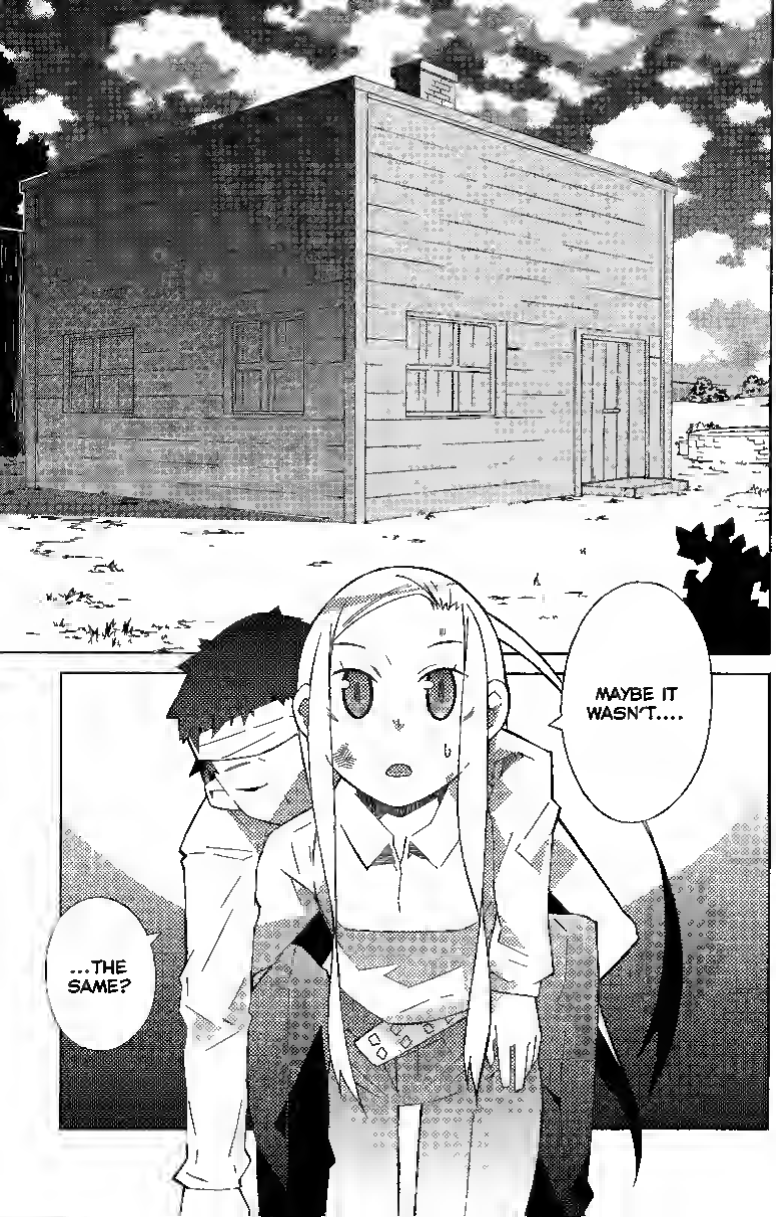
WILL, WHICH WAY.. ?
IT'S THE SAME ANYWAYS.
OH WELL..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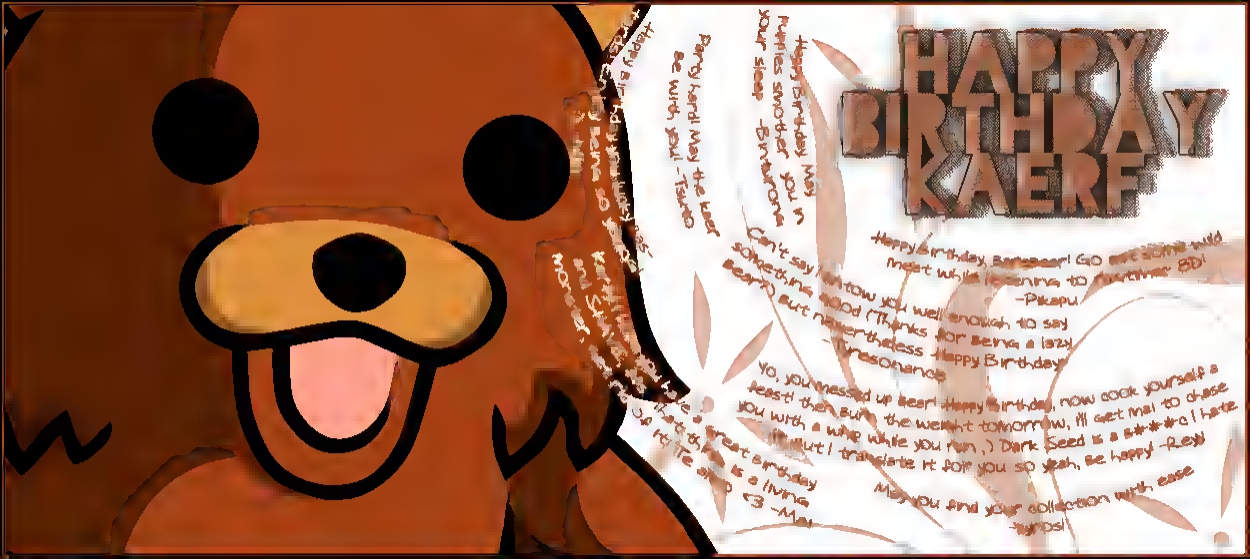
...THE SAME?


HAPPY BIRTHDAY KAERF
Happy Birthday Bearbear! Go eat some wild meat while learning to drive! BD!
-Pikapu
Can't say I know you well enough to say something good (Thanks for being a lazy bear!) but nevertheless Happy Birthday!
-Yresonance
Yo, you messed up bear! Happy birthday, now cook yourself a feast! then suffer the weight tomorrow, I'll get mail to these you with a wife while you run ;) Dark Seed is a s#*#e! I hate it!!ut! translate it for you so yeah, Be happy -Rexy
May you find your collection with ease
-typos!
Happy Birthday May flames smother you in your sleep -Birthwrong
Party hard! May the keerf be with you! -Tsuno

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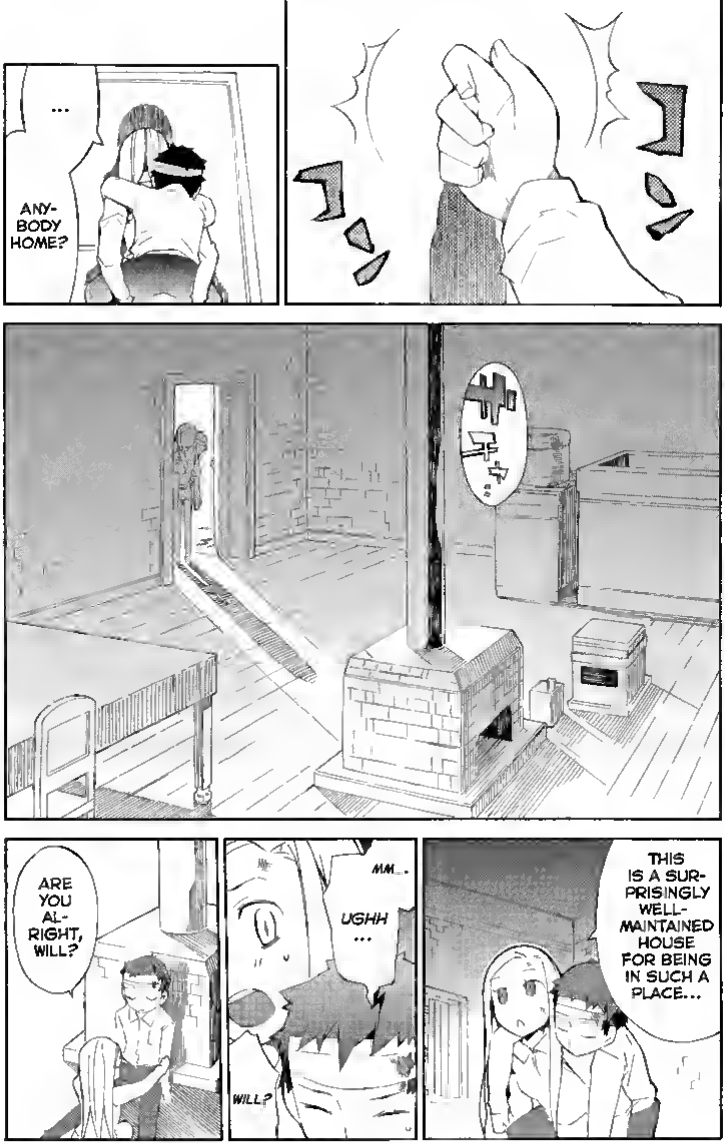
How you say?
Sure ...
But ... how?

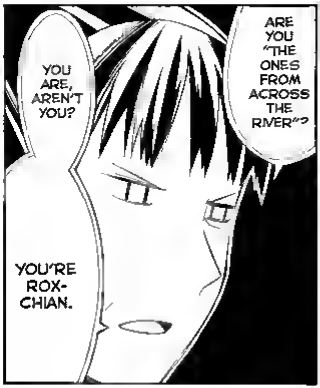

...
ANY-BODY HOME?
콘
콘
끄응...
ARE YOU AL-RIGHT, WILL?
MM...
UGHH ...
WILL?
THIS IS A SUR-PRISINGLY WELL-MAINTAINED HOUSE FOR BEING IN SUCH A PLACE...

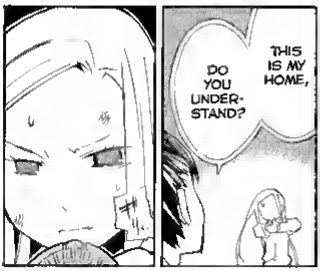
THERE'S GOTTA BE SOME ANTISEPTIC HERE ...
TIMS!
LEWIN!!
...!
WHO ...ARE YOU?

Chapter 3 The Last Ones Standing

WHO ARE YOU?
I WILL ASK AGAIN.

...WAIT, ARE YOU...
DO YOU NOT UNDER-STAND ME?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN MY HOUSE?
...


YOU ARE, AREN'T YOU?
ARE YOU "THE ONES FROM ACROSS THE RIVER"?
YOU'RE ROX-CHIAN.


DO YOU UNDER-STAND?
THIS IS MY HOME,

!

THAT'S CORRECT, I APOLOGIZE FOR YOUR INCONVE-NIENCE.
YOU CAN SPEAK THE LANGUAGE OF SOU BEIL?
BEZE-LESE...
WILL!
DROP YOUR WEAPON ...
WE...
WE WERE HIT IN THE AIR AND WALKED HERE.
WE HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO ENTER... PLEASE, LET US APOLO-GIZE...
WE'RE THE ONES THAT EN-TERED...
AND THIS IS...YOUR HOME.

YES.
THAT IS WHY WE ARE LOOKING FOR MEDICINE, FOOD, AND A PLACE TO REST.
THAT BOY... IS HE HURT?
I HAVE MEDICINE.
ALONG WITH FOOD AND A BED.
...
SO YOU CAN SPEAK BEZELESE TOO, HUH.
NO.
...BUT RIGHT NOW, I'VE NO—
BUT THIS IS MY HOUSE
...WHAT IF I REFUSE?
I'LL SHOOT.
COME ALONG
I'LL LET YOU USE THE BED.
SHEESH
ARE ALL THE PEOPLE FROM "BEYOND THE RIVER" SO UNCIVILIZED?

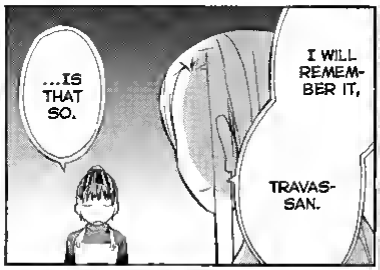
HE WILL BE FINE.
IT WASN'T A DEEP CUT, THERE'S NO NEED FOR STITCHES.
DOESN'T SEEM TO HAVE A FEVER EITHER
THANK—
WHAT HAP-PENED?
OH ....
UM...
A DEER KICKED HIM.
WE FOUND A FAWN AND I WAS CARE-LESS.
WILL PRO-TECTED ME AND ...
I SEE ...
SO HIS WOUND WAS YOUR FAULT.
YES.

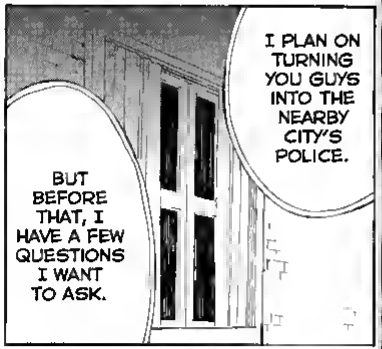
DID YOU SHOOT?
AFTER WILL WAS INJURED, I RAISED MY GUN TOWARDS THE MOTHER DEER.
AND THEN?
...I SEE.
THAT WAS SMART OF YOU.
NO.
IF I KILLED IT, THE FAWN WOULD NOT HAVE SURVIVED.
WE LEFT AFTER.
YES.
ARE YOU... A SOLDIER?
UM...
WILL IS JUST A CIVILIAN.
I AM A CORPORAL OF THE ROXCHIAN AIR FORCE.
THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

PLEASE STOP.
I DESPISE SALUTATIONS.
WHETHER IT'S FROM A SOLDIER, OR AN OFFICER.
I SEE.
EVEN SO, I THANK YOU.
I THANK YOU FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART FOR SAVING WILL.
IF I HAD KNOWN YOU WERE A SOLDER, AND IF YOU WERE THE ONE THAT WAS INJURED INSTEAD
I WOULD NOT HAVE SAVED YOU.
WE NEED TO TALK.

SO IT'S WILL AND ALLISON.
MY NAME IS ALLISON WHITTING-TON.
YOUR NAMES SOUND MORE LIKE THAT OF SOU BEIL.

THAT BOY'S NAME IS WILL, YOU SAID?
YES.
WILHELM SCHULTZ.


...IS THAT SO.
I WILL REMEM-BER IT, TRAVAS-SAN.


I PLAN ON TURNING YOU GUYS INTO THE NEARBY CITY'S POLICE.
BUT BEFORE THAT, I HAVE A FEW QUESTIONS I WANT TO ASK.

MY NAME IS TRAVAS RADIA.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO REMEM-BER IT.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN THE ENEMY COUNTRY?
WHY HAVE YOU COME?
WE ARE CHASING SOMEONE,
TO FIND A CERTAIN TREA-SURE.
SAY THAT AGAIN?
...

...
I AM AMAZED.
THAT IS WHAT I'M GOING TO REPORT EVEN IF YOU TURN US INTO THE POLICE.
...BUT IT WAS THE BEZELESE PEOPLE WHO TOOK THE OLD MAN FIRST.
IT'S BEEN SUCH A LONG TIME SINCE I HAVE HEARD THAT BOGUS STORY.
HUH ...
THE LONG LOST TREASURE OF THE BUFFER ZONE,
JUST HOW BIG OF AN IDIOT YOU GUYS ARE.
LET ME TELL YOU—
WHAT DO YOU ...MEAN?

THE LUTONI TREASURE IS JUST A BUNCH OF USELESS RUMORS.
IT'S BEEN GOING AROUND FOR MORE THAN 30 YEARS.
HAVE YOU HEARD OF THE HORRIBLE GAS INCIDENT BY COMMANDER WALTER MACMILLAN?
THE OLD MAN PREVIOUSLY TALKED ABOUT IT BRIEFLY.
THERE WAS A RUMOR ABOUT SOME GOLD A SOU BEIL GENERAL WAS TRANSPORTING THAT WENT MISSING.
EVERYONE WHO LIVES AROUND HERE KNOWS ABOUT THIS RUMOR.
OF COURSE, THERE WERE OTHERS WHO WENT TO FIND IT, BUT WERE UNSUCCESSFUL.
THE ARMY DENIES SUCH TREASURE EXISTS AS WELL.
IN WHICH CASE ...
THAT'S CORRECT.
IT'S ALL A LIE.

IT SEEMS LIKE THAT BOY WAS FORCIBLY DRAGGED INTO YOUR BRASH DECISIONS.
YOU KIDS COULD HAVE BEEN KILLED EASILY.
HOW WILL YOU EXPLAIN IT TO HIS PARENTS IF THAT WERE TO HAPPEN?
THE PEOPLE WHO TOOK THE OLD MAN TOO,
THEY PROBABLY WON'T BELIEVE THAT NONSENSE.
...YOU KIDS SHOULDN'T EITHER.

I CAN'T IMAGINE IT.
I DON'T KNOW.
WILL'S PARENTS...

MY FAMILY WAS KILLED IN THE WAR.
I LOST BOTH MY FATHER AND MY HUSBAND TO THE WAR, WHILE MY SON HAS YET TO RETURN FROM MIDORI ISLAND.
THAT'S WHY I HATE EVERYTHING IN THE EAST, INCLUDING YOU EASTERN PEOPLE.
I DO NOT LIKE YOUR PEOPLE.
I DETEST YOU.

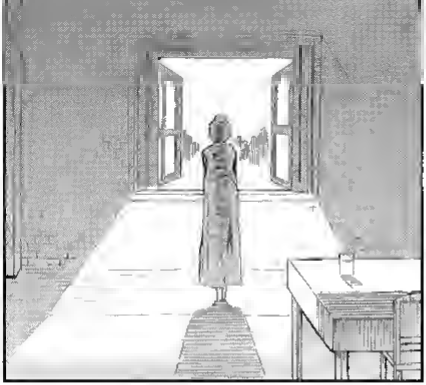
...EVEN IF I SAY ALL THIS TO YOU, NOTHING WOULD CHANGE.
I CAN SOMEWHAT UNDERSTAND YOUR FEELINGS.
I WANTED TO SAY IT AT LEAST, TO YOU EASTERNERS.
IT MADE ME FEEL A LITTLE REFRESHED.
...THERE IS ONE THING I'M INTERESTED IN.
WHAT IS IT?
ACCORDING TO THAT OLD MAN,
IT SEEMS THAT THE TREASURE ALONE HAS "THE POWER THE END THE WAR BETWEEN ROXCHE AND SOU BEIL."
DO YOU THINK SUCH A THING EXISTS?
THAT IS INTERESTING, VERY
NO.

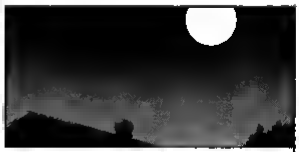
I SEE...
IT'S A LOCAL RUMOR...
I GUESS THAT OLD MAN WAS JUST SENILE...
...
I'M SHOCK-ED.
...I'M SORRY.
IN THE END, YOU GOT INJURED BECAUSE OF MY CARELESS-NESS, IT COULD HAVE BEEN WORSE...
YOU KNOW, FOR PULLING YOU INTO ALL THIS MESS,
WILL,
I HAVE TO APOLO-GIZE TO YOU.
EH?

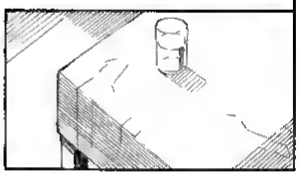
IF IT WASN'T FOR ALLISON, MY DREAM WOULD HAVE NEVER BEEN ACCOMPLISHED SO EASILY.
OH WELL.
DREAM?
I GUESS I SHOULD LISTEN TO WILL A LITTLE MORE NEXT TIME.
IT'S NICE ONCE IN A WHILE, RIGHT?
THEN YOU APOLOGIZE FOR DOING ALL OF THIS...
YOU WANTED TO DO THIS...
YOU HAD ME FOLLOW YOU...
I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO TRAVEL TO THE "WEST SIDE".
I'VE ALWAYS...
HUH?
YOU DON'T HAVE TO THANK ME
BUT?
AND — YOU'RE WELCOME
THAT'S SHOCKING... I'M AMAZED.
BUT ...
... WILL.
IT WAS PROBABLY GRANNY'S INFLUENCE WHEN I WAS SMALL.
SO, THANKS A LOT.
I WANTED TO SEE THE PLACE THAT EVERYONE CALLS THE "EVIL EMPIRE."

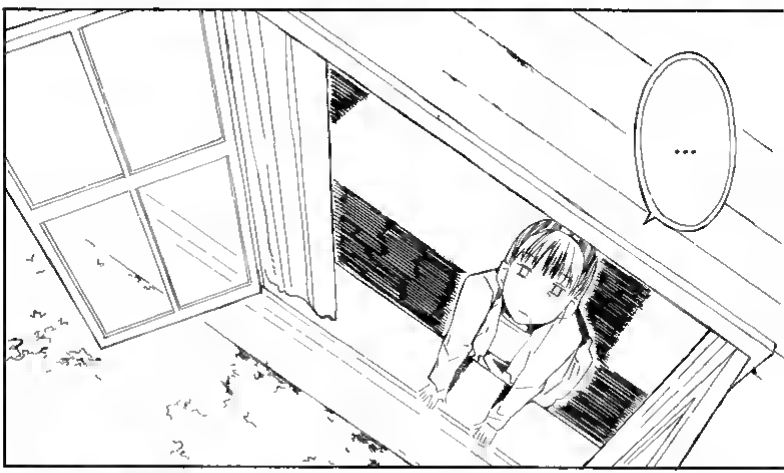
ALRIGHT, I GUESS I BETTER GO SLEEP AS WELL.
I'LL SEE YOU TOMOR-ROW.
WHAT? WAIT!
WHERE ARE YOU SLEEP-ING?
DON'T TELL ME .. OUTSIDE?!
I WAS TOLD TO DO THAT IN-STEAD.
THIS BED WAS FOR WILL, SO IN TURN I SLEEP OUTSIDE... IS WHAT SHE SAID.
THIS IS MY OWN "PUNISH-MENT."
HERE,
TAKE THE OTHER HALF
IT SEEMS THAT AT LEAST I AM ALLOWED TO USE THE BED TONIGHT.
SO —
IT'S MY CHOICE ON HOW TO USE THE BED AS WELL.
BUT —
SO YOU KNOW -
I HAVE A BAD SLEEP POS-TURE, OKAY?

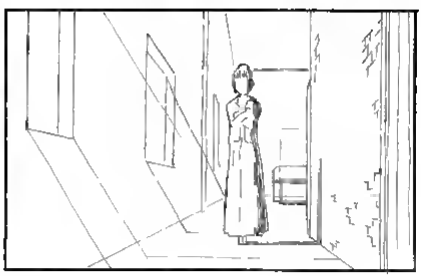
...
WILL?
...
WEE!
I'M SORRY
BUT THIS IS DEFINITELY BETTER THAN SLEEPING OUTSIDE.
A DREAM, HUH...
I WONDER IF I CAN CONSIDER MY WISH COME TRUE WITH THIS...











...
SHEESH
...
GRANDMA MUTO
I HOPE TOMORROW WILL BE A GOOD DAY...
... GOOD NIGHT...
GRANDMA MUTO...
WHAT— ...?
...

Historic Chronology of Recent Years
MORN -ING.
GOOD MORN- ING, TRAVAS- SAN.
WHAT IS IT?
MAY I... ASK YOU A QUES- TION?
IT'S OKAY IF YOU DON'T WANT TO ANSWER IT.

RAISED IN "THE HOUSE OF FUTURE"?
...NO, WERE BOTH OF YOU,
WERE YOU,
YES.
APPARENTLY, SHE GETS UPSET ENOUGH WITH PEOPLE PITYING US AFTER HEARING OUR ORIGINS TO THE POINT WHERE SHE WANTS TO HIT THEM.
I'VE HAD TO STOP HER SOMETIMES WHEN THAT HAPPENS.
I SEE, YOU MEAN TO SAY ALLISON WOULD NEVER CONFESS SUCH THINGS BY HERSELF.
YOU'RE SMART...
WE SLEEP TALK A LOT.
...

I HAVE NEVER MET HER BUT...
THERE WAS ONE RESPECTED WOMAN NAMED CORAZON MUTO IN SOU BEIL.
BUT SHE WAS EXILED AFTER THE WAR WITH THE ROXCHE AND WAS CALLED,
"THE TRAITOR."
SHE WAS A NOBLE WOMAN WHO WAS INVOLVED IN MANY CHARITY ACTIVITIES. TO THINK THAT SHE WENT TO THE "OTHER SIDE" AND SET UP A WAR ORPHANAGE...

OF COURSE I UNDERSTAND WHERE SHE WAS GOING,
EVERYONE WAS JUST BITTER AT THE BETRAYAL—
THEN I STARTED TO THINK THE SAME AS EVERYONE ELSE.

GRANDMA MUTO ALWAYS SAID TO US,
"I AM GIVING MY BEST ON THE ROAD I HAVE FOUND MYSELF,
IT IS STILL A FANTASTIC EXPERIENCE NO MATTER WHAT OTHERS MIGHT SAY."
ALSO,
"EVERYONE HAS THEIR OWN ROAD TO FOLLOW AND THEY WILL OFTEN DOUBT THEMSELVES—BUT YOU SHOULD NEVER DECIDE THAT IT IS NO GOOD AT ALL."

...I SEE
IF—
IF YOU DON'T MIND, COULD YOU TELL ME?
WHEN WERE YOUR PARENTS...?
ALLISON TOO...
WE ARE SEVENTEEN YEARS OLD
I MET ALLISON WHEN SHE WAS EIGHT.
THE MIDORI ISLAND WAR...
YES, MOST LIKELY...
IN ROXCHE, WE CALL IT THE GREEN ISLAND.
I CAN REMEMBER THAT DAY SO VIVIDLY,
MOST OF THE CHILDREN THAT CAME TO THE HOUSE FOR THE FIRST TIME WERE SCARED, LONELY, AND CRYING.
ALLISON WAS COMPLETELY DIFFERENT.

SHE POINTED HER FINGER AT ME, AND THE FIRST THING SHE SAID WAS—
WITH FLOWING BLONDE HAIR AND A BOLD ATTITUDE,
ALRIGHT! YOU! FROM NOW ON, YOU'RE MY SUBORDINATE!
CHUCKLE
EVERYONE WAS DUMBFOUNDED.
"YOU DON'T HAVE ANYONE ELSE, DO YOU?" GUESS WHAT SHE SAID AFTER?
THEN, I CAN TRUST YOU.
I'M THE CAPTAIN, YOU CAN BE THE COMMANDER!

I CAN JUST IMAGINE THE SCENE,
SHE MUST HAVE BEEN A TOMBOY.
YES.
SHE WAS LIVELIER AND MUCH BETTER THAN EVERYONE ELSE.
WHAT ABOUT YOU? HOW DID YOU END UP AT MUTO'S ORPHANAGE?
IT WAS AROUND THREE O' CLOCK.
OH, BUT MY PARENTS DIDN'T DIE IN THE WAR.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
IT SEEMS THAT I WAS ABANDONED IN FRONT OF THE ORPHANAGE'S ENTRANCE DOOR.
I WAS ACCEPTED INTO THE ORPHANAGE AS A SPECIAL CASE.
APPARENTLY, MY GROWTH WAS LATE AND I COULDN'T SPEAK, SO MY PARENTS PROBABLY JUST...
BUT AFTER THAT, I LEARNED TO SPEAK ALMOST IMMEDIATELY AFTER GRANNY AND EVERYONE STARTED TEACHING ME....
...
WHAT... WHY...?

I ASSUME THAT YOU SPEAK BEZELESE SO FLUENTLY BECAUSE OF MUTO-SAN.
YES.
OH, BUT ALLISON HAS KNOWN BEZELESE SINCE BEFORE SHE ARRIVED AT THE ORPHANAGE.

EVERYONE IN THE ORPHANAGE HAD ALREADY KNOWN,
HOW DID ALLISON REACT?
OF COURSE, WHEN ALLISON FOUND OUT, SHE GOT REALLY ANGRY.

ONE LAST THING,
HOW IS MUTO-SAN? IS SHE DOING WELL?
SHE WENT ON A JOURNEY HALF A YEAR AGO.
I SEE...
BEING THE WAY THAT SHE IS, I THINK SHE'LL DO FINE EVEN ON THE OTHER SIDE.

THANK YOU.
I'M VERY GLAD THAT WE TALKED.

WELL, I SHOULD MAKE SOMETHING TO EAT.
DO YOU LIKE THE POTATOES PANFRIED AS THIN SLICES OR BAKED AS A WHOLE?
I PREFER WHOLE ONES, BUT ALLISON LIKES THEM SLICED.
I GUESS I'LL SLICE THEM.
SORRY.
NO, IT'S ALRIGHT. I'M SURE ALLISON WILL BE HAPPY. I'LL HELP.
CAN YOU MAKE THE FIRE THEN?
ALRIGHT.
I'M GOING TO GET SOME FIREWOOD.
THE GLOVES ARE RIGHT NEXT TO THE FIREWOOD SHED, LEWIN.
...YES.
...

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MORN-ING, ALLISON.
DID YOU SLEEP WELL, SLEEPY-HEAD?
YOU'RE JUST IN TIME.
...
THIS WAY.
WHERE... AM I?
...

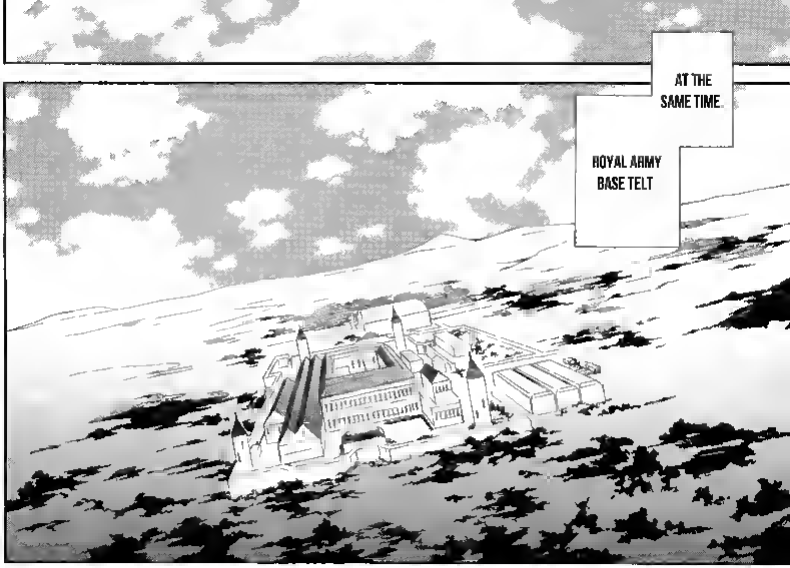
BOTH OF YOU, LISTEN TO ME CLOSELY.
THERE WILL BE A TRUCK THAT DELIVERS COMMODITIES AND FOOD BEFORE NOON.
RIDE THAT AND GO TO THE NEXT TOWN'S POLICE STATION.
JUST KEEP SAYING YOU HAD AN ACCIDENT ON YOUR SIGHTSEEING FLIGHT, AND YOU NEED PROTECTION
I UNDERSTAND.
I WILL FOLLOW WILL'S JUDGMENT,
FOR A COUPLE OF DAYS.
IT WOULD HAVE BEEN BETTER IF WE WASHED YOUR CLOTHES TOO.
IT'S OKAY.
I WONDER... IF WE HAVE SOME TIME TO SEW YOUR JACKET UP A BIT?
EH?
CRAP.
IT'S REALLY TORN...

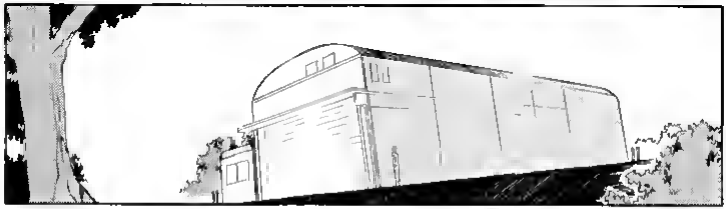
HUH ...?
YOU DROPPED THIS.
WHAT'S THIS?
EH?
OH THIS...
IT'S CONFIDENTIAL FOR JUST-IN-CASE PURPOSES.
THAT'S RIGHT, IT'S A CUCKOO.
THAT'S WHY I REALLY NEED TO KEEP THIS HIDDEN.
WHAT'S THIS ANIMAL...A CUCKOO?
THESE WERE STARTED BY THE SPECIAL UNITS NEAR THE END OF THE WAR.
WE DETERMINE FRIENDS OR FOES BASED ON THE ANIMAL ON THIS.

"AHH, THE LITTLE ORPHANED BIRDS WHO STUBBORNLY FLY ANYWHERE THE WIND TAKES THEM."
WH-WHAT?
THAT OLD MAN SAID THOSE WORDS AFTER TOUCHING THE COLLAR OF YOUR JACKET.
THIS IS WHAT HE MEANT...
CUCKOOS ARE PARASITIC BROODERS.
THEY LEAVE THEIR EGGS IN OTHER BIRDS' NESTS AND LEAVES THEM FOR THOSE BIRDS TO RAISE.
HE UNDERSTOOD THE DESIGN OF THE METAL PRINTING JUST BY TOUCHING THE CLOTH ON TOP.
THAT MEANS HE REALLY WAS SOMEONE FROM THE SPECIAL UNITS IN THE WAR...

ALLISON.
I WANT TO MEET THAT PERSON.
I WANT TO CONFIRM THE LOCATION OF THE TREASURE AND FIND IT!
I SEE ...I GOT IT WILL.
WHAT'S THE CONCLUSION?
WE'RE GOING TO GET THAT OLD MAN OUT!!
WA-WAIT A MINUTE!
YOU GUYS—
I'M SORRY, TRAVAS-SAN.
BUT...
WE WANT TO MAKE SURE.
...EVEN IF I TRY TO STOP YOU, YOU'LL STILL GO, WON'T YOU.
...

...THERE IS A ROYAL ARMY BASE ABOUT THIRTY KILO-METERS NORTH OF HERE.
IT'S CALLED TELT.
THAT OLD MAN MUST BE THERE.
EH ...?
...YOU KNEW THIS FROM THE START?
YES, OF COUR-SE.
BUT STILL, IT'S AN ARMY BASE...
YEAH, THERE WON'T BE AN EASY WAY IN...
THERE IS.
JEEZ, DON'T LOOK AT ME LIKE THAT, BOTH OF YOU.
AHH WELL,
I GUESS THERE MUST BE SOMETHING WRONG WITH ME TOO—....


AT THE SAME TIME.
ROYAL ARMY BASE TELT



BUT ONCE, I YEARNED TO FLY JUST LIKE THE PLANES IN THE SKIES.
I WAS IN THE ARMY IN THE OLD DAYS.
NOW I PILOT FIGHTER CRAFTS.
YEAH, YOU GOT IT.

EXCUSE ME..
A LIEU-TENANT IN THE AIR FORCE?

MY NAME IS BENEDICT CARR,
NICE TO MEET YOU.
OH! I APOLOGIZE FOR MY RUDENESS!
I AM PRIVATE ELAINE JEUME!
I TOO, WANT TO BE A PILOT SOMEDAY!
I SEE.
DO YOUR BEST.
BY THE WAY, MISS ELAINE.
THIS IS MY FIRST TIME HERE, SO COULD YOU SHOW ME AROUND?
IF YOU HAVE SOME FREE TIME, WOULD YOU LIKE TO TAKE A WALK WITH ME?

Happy Birthday
Have a good one, monkey. Nice to have you back. back at me too. -Bari
Happy birthday you poop chuck killing monkey!! I hope you have a great one so hurry and come back home soon. Stop ignoring me too. You admin monkey. Happy birthday. Te amo rangitahi peuppyhead -Mai
Happy birthday dear Jacky, Happy birthday to you, you smell like a monkey and you are one too. With love from your son, Mai
Herzlichen Glückwunsch und alles Gute from Germany! -Kai
Happy birthday, Jacky... where ever you are.....!!!! -Rika
Lucky monkeys, even when they throw poo at me, so have a happy birthday -Dinu
Have a great birthday with many more banana, chocolates, and copious amounts of poo! May you also beat up many men! -Mai
Hope you get older every year ;) Also, I hope one day you will give me a shout-out to finish this off -Mai
Happy birthday to you, Happy birthday to you, Happy birthday dear Jacky, Happy birthday to you, you smell like a monkey and you are one too. With love from your son, Mai
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Sure ...
But ... how?

THAT'S THE BODY-GUARD'S UNIFORM WHO GUARD THE ROYAL FAMILIES' YOUTH.
WITH IT, YOU CAN EASILY COME AND GO IN ANY ARMY BASE.
THIS UNIFORM IS...?
BODYGUARD... DON'T YOU HAVE TO BE A PRETTY HIGH RANKED UP ARISTOCRAT TO BE ONE?
...I'M SUR-PRISED.
SO YOU KNEW?
THIS... WAS LEWIN-SAN'S, COR-RECT?
IS IT REALLY OKAY FOR ME TO USE THIS?
!
... YEAH.
PLEASE USE IT.
HOW DO I LOOK?

HM?
Chapter 4 The Roxche Spy

THIS OUTFIT FITS YOU BETTER THAN THE OTHER ONES YOU HAVE WORN, ALLISON...
I WONDER, WHY IS THAT?
...
WOW, YOU LOOK LIKE THE REAL DEAL.

THAT'S... THE "CURVED DIRK"!
...HM? WHAT'S THIS EMBLEM?
THANK YOU. EVEN I HAVE GROWN TO LIKE THIS UNIFORM.
BEZEL ILTOA'S EMBLEM IS THE "CURVED DIRK".
THE EMBLEMS HAVE SERVED THEIR OWN COUNTRIES SINCE ANCIENT TIMES.
ROXCHEAN'S EMBLEM IS THE "THERON'S SPEAR".*
*T/L NOTE: THERON MEANS HUNTER IN GREEK
I AGREE
...SHE'S TOO SUITED FOR IT.
IT MEANS THAT WE JUST GOTTA ACT ARROGANT, RIGHT?
PLEASE LEAVE THAT TO ME, NO MATTER WHAT!
WHICH MEANS
THAT'S IT FOR THE OUTFIT... ONE MORE THING,
THE IMPERIAL BODYGUARDS REGARD THEMSELVES VERY HIGHLY ...

WILL,
HAVE YOU SHOT A HANDGUN BEFORE?
HANG THIS ON YOUR WAIST.
I...
WILL NEVER SHOOT SOMEONE WITHOUT THINK-ING.
EVEN IF I HAVE THE HANDGUN, I DON'T THINK I'LL USE IT.
WE HAVE THIS FESTIVAL IN THE ANCIENT CAPITAL OF ROXCHEANUK CONFEDERATION. ALONG WITH THE FESTIVAL, THERE'S A SHOOTING COM-PETITION.
HONESTLY, WILL DOES BETTER AT IT THAN ME.
HEY, HE MIGHT LOOK LIKE A WIMP, BUT HE WAS ACTUALLY 6TH AT KAASHI.
?
YOU NEED TO EXPLAIN IT, ALLISON...

IF THAT IS WHAT YOU HAVE DECIDED,
I WON'T PUSH YOU.
EVEN SO, PLEASE TAKE IT WITH YOU.
..EX-CUSE ME, BUT
IS THIS...?
...YES.
THIS WAS MY LATE HUS-BAND'S.
I KEPT IT AROUND ME IN CASE I NEEDED TO USE IT.
BUT... PLEASE, TAKE IT WITH YOU.
FOR SAFE-KEEP-ING.
...
I UN-DER-STAND.
I WILL DO AS YOU SAY.
THANK YOU.

LASTLY,
LET ME JUST SAY THIS,
I DON'T NEED ANY THANKS.
... INSTEAD,
COULD YOU GIVE ME A SALUTE?
THE UNIFORMS... SINCE I LENT THEM TO YOU,
THAT MEANS ...
YOU MUST COME BACK.
I DON'T CARE IF THEY BECOME DIRTY, OR EVEN IF IT'S JUST THE HAT,
EVEN IF THERE REALLY WAS NO TREASURE IN THE END,
PLEASE COME BACK TOGETHER.
WE PROMISE.
WE REALLY OWE YOU.

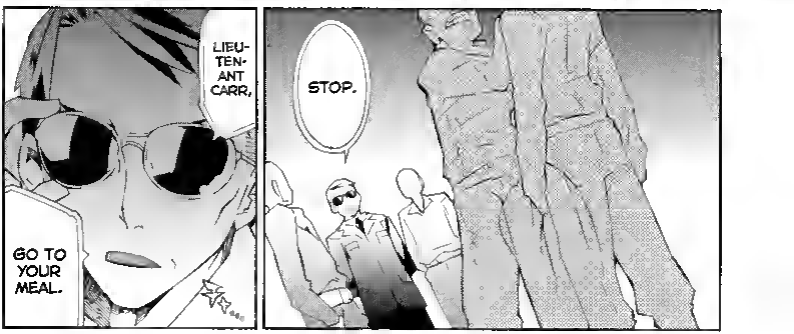
SALUTE!!
I WISH,
FOR THE GODS BLESSINGS ON THE BOTH OF YOU—

HAS THAT OLD MAN SPOKEN YET?

NO, NOT YET, CAPTAIN GRAZ.
HE SHOWS NO SIGNS OTHER THAN HAVING BECOME SENILE.

EH?
SORRY, BUT WE'LL SAVE THIS FOR LATER.
TCH.
YOU FINISHED EARLY.
DID YOU HAVE FUN HOUSE-SITTING, BENE-CHAN?
FLIRTING WITH GIRLS AS ALWAYS.
IN MY COUN-TRY,
FLIRT-ING IS HEALTHY.

I DON'T WANT TO LOOK STUPID.
IN MY COUNTRY, IT'S NOT CUSTOMARY TO FLIRT WITH MEN.
YOU BASTARD ...
DO YOU NOT HAVE AN OUNCE OF INTENTION, TO AT LEAST GET ALONG WITH YOUR TEAMMATES?
WHAT?!

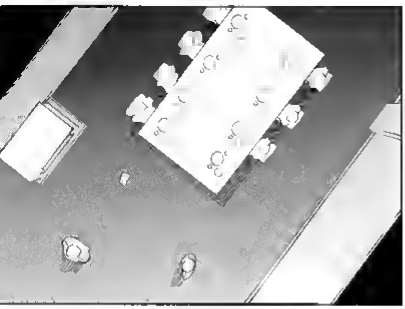

GO TO YOUR MEAL.
LIEUTENANT CARR,
STOP.

ROGER THAT.
CAPTAIN GRAZ.
AFTER YOUR MEAL,
RETURN WITHOUT FLIRTING WITH THE GIRLS.
YOU'RE STILL ON HOUSE-SITTING DUTY.
TCH ...
WHAT A LIPPY CHICKEN.
WHY DID COLONEL NOTO ACCEPT A GUY LIKE HIM?
IT'S BECAUSE WE HAD FOUR FIGHTER CRAFTS.
HE IS PRETTY SKILLED, DESPITE HIS LOOKS.
WE DON'T HAVE TIME FOR THAT.
WE NEED TO GET THAT OLD MAN TO SPILL THE BEANS ABOUT THE LOCATION OF THE TREASURE FIRST.
IS HE, BETTER SKILLED THAN US?
I WONDER IF WE CAN TEST HIM OUT...
HOW ABOUT WE DO A PRACTICE RANK RUN?
I DUNNO.

...
YOU KNOW...
TRAVAS-SAN...
INTENDED TO FIGHT THERE BY HER-SELF IF THE ENEMIES HAD ATTACKED NEXT TIME.
ALLI-SON, I...
I WAS TAUGHT TO NEVER AIM A GUN AT A PERSON.
WITH THIS GUN IN HER HAND,
SHE WANTED TO SHOOT THE ENEMIES SHE HATES AND AVENGE HER FAMILY.
AS FOR ME,
I WAS TAUGHT—
IF IT'S TO PROTECT MYSELF OR CLOSE FRIENDS, I WILL NOT HESITATE TO SHOOT.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?
WHAT ABOUT WILL?
ME NEITHER.
WHICH IS THE "CORRECT" TEACHING, I WONDER...
WHICH ...
... I DON'T KNOW.
ME?
LET'S AIM FOR THE ARMY BASE FIRST.
WELL,

カチャ...
カチャ...
I'M DONE.
カチャ



I'M GOING FIRST.

WATCH YOUR WORDS,
YOU SHOULDN'T BADMOUTH THEM.
HOW LONG, DOES COLONEL NOTO AND HIS GANG INTEND TO STAY?
PHEW ...

HAVE PATIENCE.
AT ANY RATE, I'M STILL ENDURING IT.
//// ////...

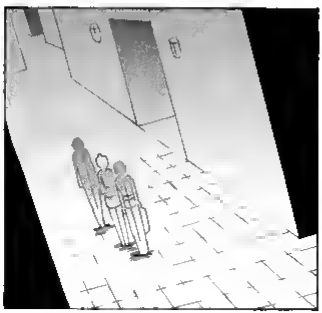
THEY SHOULD BE CALLED "GANG OF THUGS".
INSTEAD OF BEING CALLED THE "EXPERIMENT CORPS",
YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT THEY ARE THINKING.
THEY'RE LAZING AROUND THE AIRCRAFTS AS USUAL.
CAPTAIN GRAZ, WAS IT?
WHAT ARE THEY DOING?
THE KIDS THAT WERE WITH COLONEL NOTO...
AND IT'S UNKNOWN WHAT COLONEL NOTO IS DOING TO HIM—
HE'S IN THE CELLAR
WHAT ABOUT THE OLD MAN THEY BROUGHT ALONG?
LIEUTENANT, KEEP YOUR EYES ON THEM.
THEY SMELL LIKE TROUBLE.
I CAN'T BRING MYSELF TO TRUST THEM, NO MATTER WHAT.
COMMANDER ...
THE GANG OR COLONEL NOTO—

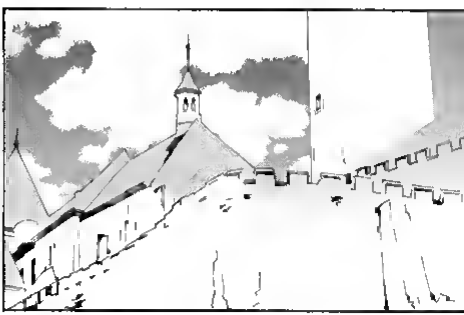
EXCUSE ME FOR INTER-RUPTING YOUR MEAL.
OH.
WE'RE STILL GET-TING CUS-TOMERS DESPITE BEING IN SUCH A RURAL AREA.
THERE ARE TWO IMPERIAL BODY-GUARDS ARRIVING,
AND THEY REQUEST PERMISSION TO INSPECT OUR BASE.
LET'S SHOW THEM AROUND WITH COUR-TESY.
IT SEEMS THAT THEY ARE QUITE HARD TO PLEASE...

I AM LIEUTENANT COLONEL REIG
I AM HERE ON ORDERS OF THE BASE COMMANDER, COLONEL ELCOUPE
WELCOME TO TELTO BASE.
GREETINGS
ARE OUR NAMES NECESSARY?
AND THEN WE CAN ALL GO BACK TO OUR OWN BUSINESS THAT'S BETTER FOR YOU GUYS TOO, ISN'T IT?
WE DON'T WANT TO BE AN INTRUSION SO LET'S MAKE THIS QUICK
IS THAT SO?
NO,
IMPERIAL BODYGUARD'S WARRANT OFFICERS

HUH?
NO NEED.
THEN, LET ME GUIDE YOU...
OF COURSE NOT,
PLEASE TAKE YOUR TIME ON YOUR STAY HERE WITH US.
ARE...
ARE YOU SPEAKING TO ME?
NAME?
YOU, OVER THERE!!
THERE'S NO WAY IN HELL I'LL MARCH WITH SOME BIG SHOT HERE IN THE MIDDLE OF NOWHERE.
YES?!
OKAY
RU— RURURU RUNE POKLOT! PRIVATE RUNE POKLOT!
PRIVATE RUNE?
DO YOU MIND SHOWING US AROUND?

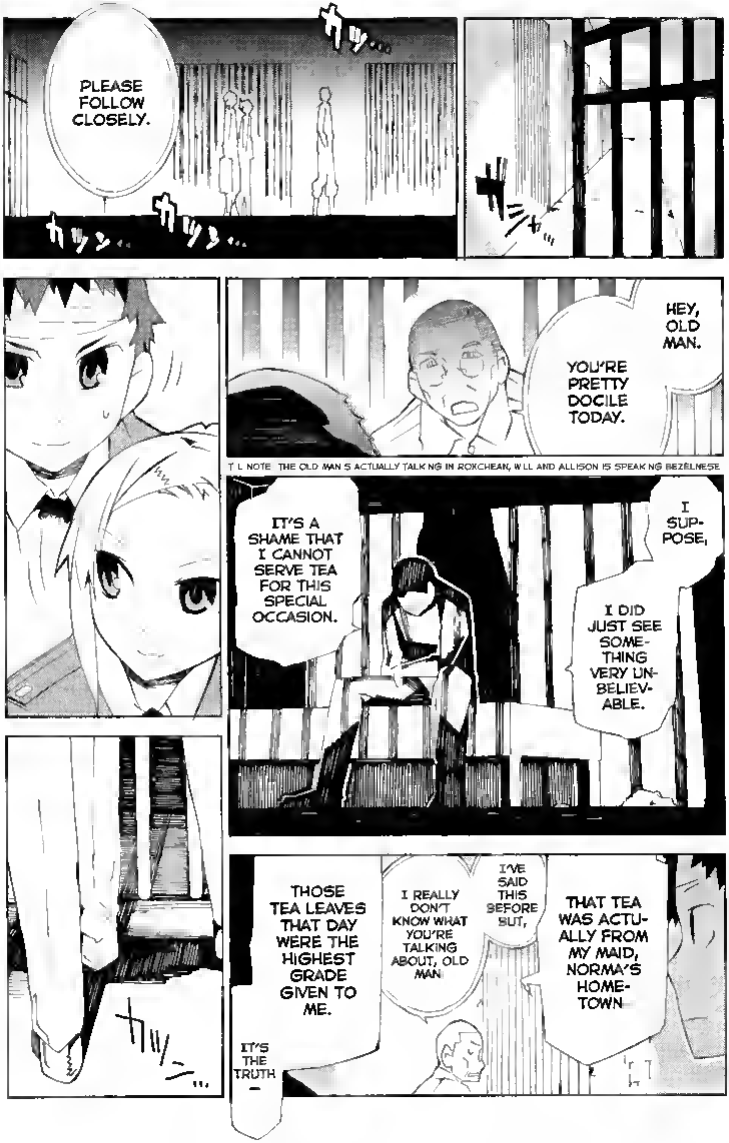
BLUE UNI-FORMS?
WHICH DIVISION ARE THEY?
IT ISN'T SOME-THING I SHOULD CARE ABOUT.
OH WELL ...



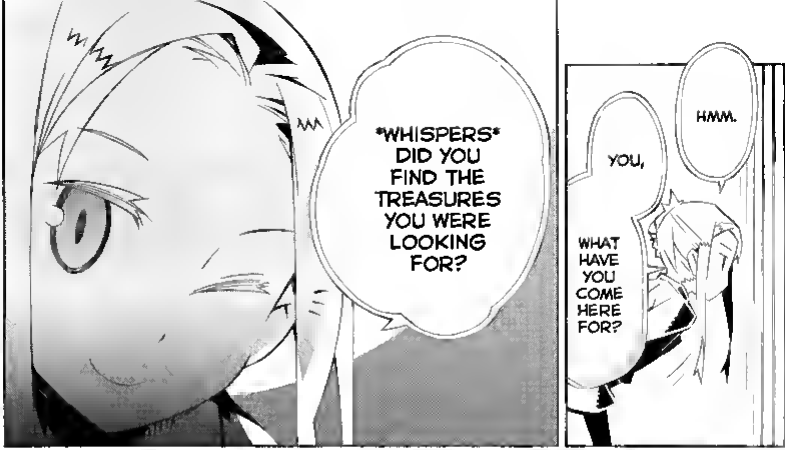


I'M STILL REALLY NERVOUS, YOU KNOW...
SO IT SHOULD BE FINE FROM HERE ON.
WE HAVE A PRETTY LOW STANDING PERSON FOR A GUIDE,
THE PROBLEM IS "WHERE IS HE BEING KEPT?"
YEAH... PROBABLY UNDER-GROUND.
JAIL ROOMS ARE USU-ALLY BUILT UNDER-GROUND.
IS THERE AN UNDER-GROUND PLACE HERE?
AH, YES THERE IS. THERE USED TO BE GUARD-HOUSES DOWN THERE--
PRIVATE RUNE,
YES?
THE FIRST FLOOR HERE ARE OFFICES FOR GENERAL CLERICAL WORK,
AND THE SECOND FLOOR IS THE DINING HALL FOR THE HIGHER UPS.
WHERE ARE THE STAIRS?
YES ...
THIS WAY ...
AND THAT'S OUT OF MY PLACE...
B-B-BUT THERE ARE GUARDS ON OUTY DOWN THERE
THEN JUST LEAD US TO THE PLACE.
WE'LL GET OUR OWN PERMIS-SION.
SOUNDS INTER-ESTING.
MEDIEVAL GUARD-HOUSES, HUH...
I'D LIKE TO SEE THEM MYSELF.

DEAREST IMPERIAL BODY-GUARD WARRANT OFFICERS—
WAI-
PLEASE WAIT A MOMENT!
OLD MAN? WHO?
IT'S... AN OLD MAN...
WHO IS IN THE JAIL CELL?
BUT, IF ANYTHING HAPPENS TO YOU WARRANT OFFICERS...
IT SEEMS THAT HE WAS A SPY FROM "BEYOND THE RIVER",
BUT— UM—
WHAT? WHY MUST I WAIT FOR ANY-THING? EXPLAIN, SOL-DIER!
YOU HAD BETTER NOT ANGER HER, SOL-DIER
SHE'S SCARY
YES, MA'AM
STEP ASIDE THIS IN-STANT!
P-PLEASE, YOU CANNOT AD-ADVANCE ANY FUR-THER
I WANT TO WIT-NESS IT
WHEN IS HIS EX-ECU-TION?
IN TER EST ING
ROX-CHEA-NUK CON-FEDERA-TION'S SPY?

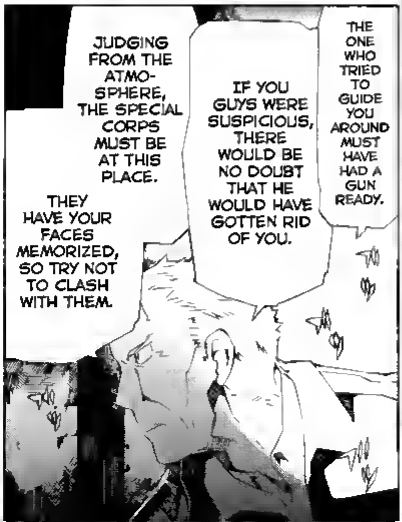

PLEASE FOLLOW CLOSELY.
HEY, OLD MAN.
YOU'RE PRETTY DOCILE TODAY.
T L NOTE THE OLD MAN S ACTUALLY TALK NG IN ROXCHEAN, W LL AND ALLISON IS SPEAK NG BEZELINESE
I SUP-POSE,
I DID JUST SEE SOME-THING VERY UN-BELIEV-ABLE.
IT'S A SHAME THAT I CANNOT SERVE TEA FOR THIS SPECIAL OCCASION.
THAT TEA WAS ACTU-ALLY FROM MY MAID, NORMA'S HOME-TOWN
I'VE SAID THIS BEFORE BUT,
I REALLY DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT, OLD MAN
THOSE TEA LEAVES THAT DAY WERE THE HIGHEST GRADE GIVEN TO ME.
IT'S THE TRUTH.

...
WHAT'S THIS?
A SPY?
IT ONLY LOOKS LIKE A SENILE OLD GRANDPA TO ME.
BUT HE WAS REPORTED FOR SMUGGLING HIMSELF ON A SMALL BOAT...

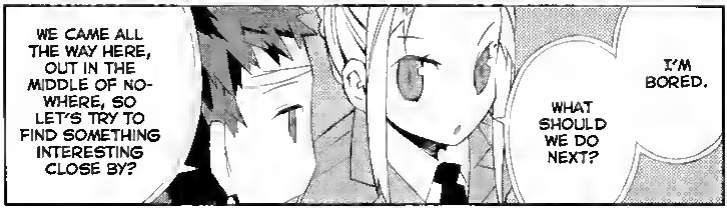

WHISPERS DID YOU FIND THE TREASURES YOU WERE LOOKING FOR?
HMM.
YOU,
WHAT HAVE YOU COME HERE FOR?

IT LOOKS LIKE THE ONLY ONE WHO KNOWS ROXCHEAN, IS THAT FAKE GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL.
NO...
DO YOU HEAR SOMETHING?

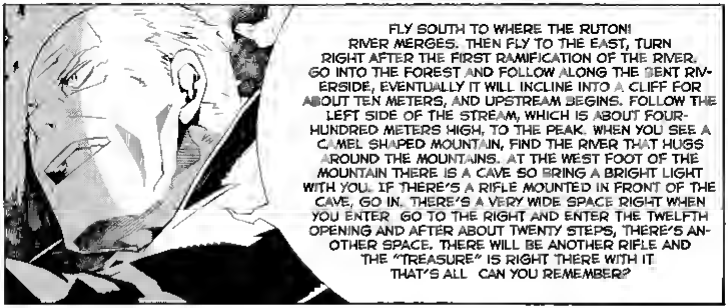
I SEE...
YOU GUYS BELIEVED THE STUPID STORY...
I CAN'T IMAGINE HOW YOU GUYS GOT HERE,
BUT THE IMPERIAL BODYGUARDS IDEA IS INGENIOUS.

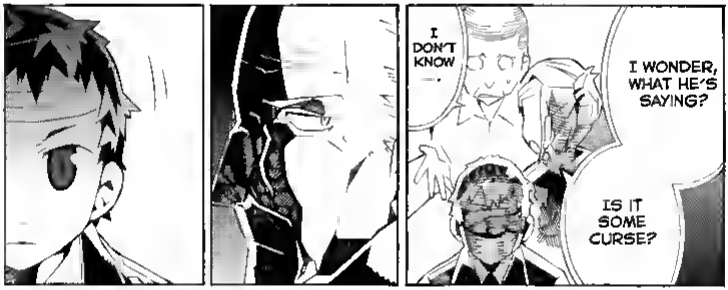

JUDGING FROM THE ATMOSPHERE, THE SPECIAL CORPS MUST BE AT THIS PLACE.
THEY HAVE YOUR FACES MEMORIZED, SO TRY NOT TO CLASH WITH THEM.
IF YOU GUYS WERE SUSPICIOUS, THERE WOULD BE NO DOUBT THAT HE WOULD HAVE GOTTEN RID OF YOU.
THE ONE WHO TRIED TO GUIDE YOU AROUND MUST HAVE HAD A GUN READY.

THOSE THUG'S GENERAL WAS ASKING WHERE THE GOLD IS AND A BUNCH OF OTHER WEIRD QUESTIONS.
HE'S MAKING A FOOL OF HIMSELF.
WHY WOULD I KNOW THE LOCATION OF THE TREASURE? THAT'S WORTHLESS TO ME.
IS HE ALWAYS LIKE THIS?
WELL, THIS IS DISAPPOINTING.
AHHH
AHH
BY THE WAY, WHERE THE HELL AM I?
I WAS UNCONSCIOUS WHEN THEY BROUGHT ME HERE.


WE CAME ALL THE WAY HERE, OUT IN THE MIDDLE OF NOWHERE, SO LET'S TRY TO FIND SOMETHING INTERESTING CLOSE BY?
I'M BORED.
WHAT SHOULD WE DO NEXT?

"COUGH"
WHAT'S UP? A COLD?
I'M FINE...
YOU CAN GET TO THE TREASURE'S WHEREABOUTS BY HYDROPLANE.
IF YOU GUYS REALLY DO PLAN TO GO—
I KNOW WHERE I AM NOW.
CAN YOU REMEMBER JUST THROUGH MEMORY?
IS THERE ANY OTHER TOWN NEARBY, SOLDIER?
NO SIR, IT'S A RURAL REGION AFTER ALL.
THE CLOSEST TOWN TO TELTO BASE IS TWENTY KILOMETERS TO THE WEST AND CALLED GALEI.
THEN, TO GALEI'S SOUTH, THERE'S A TOWN FOURTEEN KILOMETERS AWAY CALLED COILE.


FLY SOUTH TO WHERE THE RUTON! RIVER MERGES. THEN FLY TO THE EAST, TURN RIGHT AFTER THE FIRST RAMIFICATION OF THE RIVER. GO INTO THE FOREST AND FOLLOW ALONG THE DENT RIVERSIDE, EVENTUALLY IT WILL INCLINE INTO A CLIFF FOR ABOUT TEN METERS, AND UPSTREAM BEGINS. FOLLOW THE LEFT SIDE OF THE STREAM, WHICH IS ABOUT FOUR-HUNDRED METERS HIGH, TO THE PEAK. WHEN YOU SEE A CAMEL SHAPED MOUNTAIN, FIND THE RIVER THAT HUGS AROUND THE MOUNTAINS. AT THE WEST FOOT OF THE MOUNTAIN THERE IS A CAVE SO BRING A BRIGHT LIGHT WITH YOU. IF THERE'S A RIFLE MOUNTED IN FRONT OF THE CAVE, GO IN. THERE'S A VERY WIDE SPACE RIGHT WHEN YOU ENTER. GO TO THE RIGHT AND ENTER THE TWELFTH OPENING AND AFTER ABOUT TWENTY STEPS, THERE'S ANOTHER SPACE. THERE WILL BE ANOTHER RIFLE AND THE "TREASURE" IS RIGHT THERE WITH IT. THAT'S ALL. CAN YOU REMEMBER?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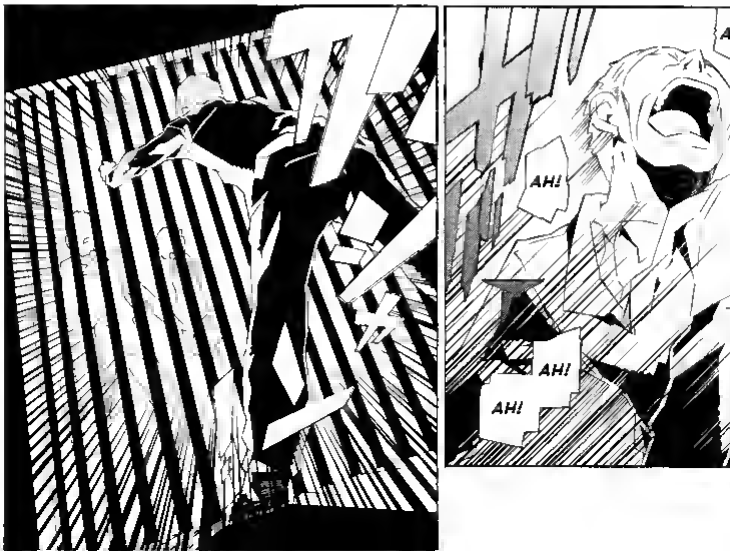
I WONDER, WHAT HE'S SAYING?
IS IT SOME CURSE?


AH!
AH!
AH!
AH!

THAT TREASURE IS AMA-ZING!
IF YOU GUYS MAKE IT THERE—
AND YOU FIND IT, ANNOUNCE THE NEWS!
IT'S TOO AMAZING!
FORGET ABOUT ME!!
I ENTRUST IT TO YOU GUYS FROM NOW ON!
I COULDN'T ACHIEVE IT!
JUST LIKE MY TEACHER SAID,
I CAME BACK ALONE!

I WILL STAY AND CAUSE AN UPROAR IN FIFTEEN MINUTES SO PLEASE TAKE THIS CHANCE TO ESCAPE AND BORROW A HYDRO-PLANE.
I NEED A HAIR-PIN.
THERE'S NO NEED FOR THREE PEOPLE TO GO
AFTER ALL THIS, PLEASE FIND THE TREA-SURE.
GET BACK!
DON'T MAKE A SCENE!
I HOPE THERE WILL BE A CHANCE THAT WE MEET AGAIN.
SEE YOU, GRAND-PA
WE...
SHOULD GO.
YEAH.

AH... YOU GUYS ARE A FUN BUNCH...
AND YOUNG...
YOU DON'T KNOW WHERE YOU GUYS WILL BE GOING...
YOU JUST GO WHERE YOU WANT TO GO.
I WISH YOU GUYS THE BEST OF THE BEST AND I WILL BE PRAYING FOR YOU.

あとがき

by 晴瀬ひさし

「アリソン」第一巻です

手に取っていただき
ありがとうございます。

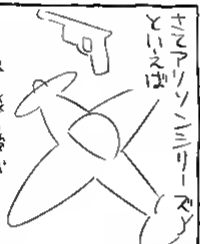
実は連載を開始したのは「アリソンの続編、「リリアとレイズ」のお話だったのですが

タイミングが良く2冊同時に発売という運びとなり嬉しく思います。

時雨沢恵一さん黒星紅白さんの描かれるアリソンはとても可愛いです。

漫画でもその可愛いさを出せるように精いっぱい努めたいと思って描いています。

さてアリソンシリーズといえば



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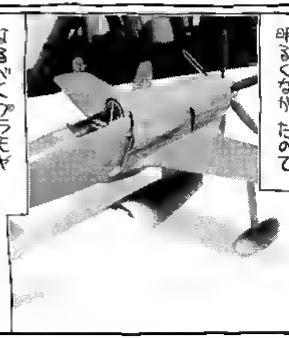

僕は今まで、そういったお面には明るくなかったので

なるべくプラモやモデルガンを買って勉強しています。

最近ちょっと組み立てが上達してきて楽しいです。

宇宙での冒険はまだ続きます。

またこの2巻でお会いしましょう!

そしてなんと原作の時雨沢恵一さん黒星紅白さんにもあとがきをいただきました。

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お忙しい中ありがとうございました!

原作者のあとがき

こちらでは初めまして。電撃文庫で原作小説を書きました、時雨沢恵一です。

今回こちらに つまりは人様の本に"あとがき"を書かせていただけることになり、感激しつつ少し緊張しています。

ご存じの方はよく知っていると思いますが、私の文庫の"あとがき"はヘンテコなことで有名でして、ここでそのような能力を遺憾なく発揮してしまうと、次の巻からは呼ばれなくなってしまう恐れがあるので自重しています。自重していきます。自重するつもりだ。自重するといいな。

晴瀬ひろきさん、『アリソン』一巻発売おめでとうございます。

同時発売の『リリアとトレイズ(以下リリトレ)』のみならず、こちらの『アリソン』までコミック化していただき、私は果報者です。

たくさん寝て待った甲斐があったというものです。私はよく寝ます。ただし、十五時間以上寝ると頭が痛くなるので皆さんやめましょう。

先に連載が始まった『リリトレ』に引き続きこの話をいただいたときは、「また来たか(」と感動に震え、とうとう年貢の納め時かと思ったものです(編集部注・そのフレーズ気に入ったんですか?)。

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時間は二十年ほど戻り、『リリトレ』ではすっかりお母さんになっているアリソンやその他のキャラクターがどんな人生を送ってきたのか、どんな大変なことをしでかしやがったのかが語られています。

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